

Portfolio £22,000 to be won

There is £22,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio competition today - £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily. Yesterday's prize of £2,000 was won by Dr Shekhar Sharma who lives in Belfast. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.

Riot inquiry facing boycott

Birmingham community leaders have decided to boycott the police inquiry into the Handsworth riot. They are demanding an independent, public investigation. Page 2

Satellite loss hits insurers

The £175 million loss of two satellites when the Ariane rocket's flight was aborted, is believed by experts to be the largest loss ever made by satellite insurers. Page 5

Rail meeting

Union chiefs and the British Railways Board are to meet early next week to try to resolve the dispute in which 251 guards have been dismissed. Page 2

'Too few police'

Chief constables have asked the Home Secretary to increase police numbers, saying forces are stretched dangerously at times of public disorder. Page 2

Zimbabwe 'plot'

Four white former Rhodesian Government officials have been detained on suspicion of plotting to divide the western province of Matabeleland from the rest of Zimbabwe. Page 5

Palme to win

Sweden's Social Democrats led by Mr Olof Palme will stay in power after tomorrow's election, but will be dependent on Communist support, according to the latest opinion poll. Page 4

Bone warning

Acid rain could produce an increase in osteoporosis, a rare bone disease, a chemistry conference was told. Page 3

Shops deal

J Hepworth & Son is buying more than 100 loss-making Lord John, Lady at Lord John and Werft Shops from Raybeck for its Next fashion chain. Page 19

Football ban

The start of the Israeli soccer season today is in jeopardy because a local mayor refuses to allow football in the national stadium on the Jewish Sabbath. Page 5

Cigarettes up

The price of cigarettes produced by Wills and Players will rise by 2p to 20p from October 21. The companies' banding tobacco will go up by 3p for a 25gm pack.

Karpov victory

An overwhelming onslaught by Anatoly Karpov left the challenger Gary Kasparov defenceless and he resigned, levelling the score in the world chess championship. Page 5

Last leg

The county cricket championship will not be decided until the final round of matches after Hampshire's defeat by Northamptonshire and Middlesex's draw with Essex. Page 31

US in lead

Europe trails the United States 3½-4½ after the first day of the Ryder Cup golf match at The Belfry, Warwickshire, yesterday. Europe won the afternoon session 2½-1½. Page 31

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Soviet agent controlled by MI6 for 15 years

By Rodney Cowton and Stewart Tensler

British and Danish intelligence officers together controlled Mr Oleg Gordievsky, defector head of KGB operations in Britain, for more than 15 years as a deeply placed "mole" in the Soviet espionage network.

Yesterday, Whitehall sources confirmed that M.I.6, the intelligence service, had been involved in the operation with Mr Gordievsky from the very beginning.

On Thursday, Mr Eric Ninn-Hansen, Minister of Justice in Denmark, said on television that they had received valuable information from Mr Gordievsky when he was stationed in Copenhagen in the 1960s and 1970s.

As the minister was under attack in Denmark for revealing delicate information, one intelligence source in Britain said that it was probable the Russian agent had first approached the Danes who then turned to M.I.6 for additional help.

The two countries worked well together - Britain's intelligence officers have good working relationships throughout Europe - and eventually the Danes passed over Mr Gordievsky to M.I.6 completely when he came to London.

Yesterday, Mr Gordievsky continued his debriefing at a secret address outside London, amid speculation that his revelations could lead to arrests in 25 Soviet officers who are of the British contacts of the Director of Public Prosecutions said that they had no knowledge of arrests being made under the Official Secrets Act.

But in 1971 when Mr Oleg Lyalin, a more junior KGB officer, defected, there were a series of arrests leading to four separate trials. Mr Lyalin was also sentenced to the expulsion of 105 KGB officers in September of 1971.

Mr Lyalin was accused of being a spy for the British, but the incident by police, but the

Scottish meeting off

The first reaction from the Kremlin to the expulsion of the Soviet diplomats came late yesterday when it was learnt that the Soviet delegation will not attend next week's Edinburgh Conversations - an annual, week-long seminar between British and Soviet defence experts and academics. A message to the Principal of Edinburgh University, Dr John Barnett, from Professor Yanaev, deputy chairman of the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies, said: "In view of recent developments the delegation no longer felt able to come."

Gordievsky's defection had been in the air for some time this year.

Whitehall sources said that he had defected "some weeks before the flight of Herr Tiedge". However, an asset as valuable as Mr Gordievsky would not have been encouraged to leave his post unless there was a risk of exposure.

The co-operation between Denmark and Britain over Mr Gordievsky seems to have stemmed from the fact that he was a close friend of the Danish Foreign Minister, Mr Poul Jensen, who was the first Chief Director of the KGB. This department includes Scandinavia and Britain in its operations.

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Plane door jammed in blaze

By Michael Bailey
Transport Editor

More people died in last month's Manchester air disaster than need have done because a door jammed for critical seconds while the plane caught fire, according to a preliminary report from Britain's Accidents Investigations Branch yesterday.

The Civil Aviation Authority immediately announced that modifications to the door had already been ordered in both Britain and the United States, and instructions issued on how to avoid a repetition.

The authority also ordered new checks of the Pratt and Whitney engine based on number of flights as well as hours flown. After the AIB's preliminary assessment of how the fire resulted from an exploding combustion chamber in the port engine.

Mr John Dent, the authority's chairman, in his first public statement since the crash, urged people not to misread recent events and imagine air travel was getting unsafe. Until this year there had been no deaths in British aircraft for several years.

An eight-foot section of the leading edge flap of a Boeing 747 was being investigated yesterday after being found in a wood near Reading. The authority said it had not yet identified which airline it belonged to.

The authority said: "We have several numbers from the part which will be checked through the Boeing computer in Seattle."

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Poll shows Alliance poor third

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The SDP-Liberal Alliance is trailing badly in third place behind the Labour and Conservative parties, according to an opinion poll to be disclosed tomorrow.

It is understood that the survey, conducted by Harris Research for *Weekend World*, LWT's current affairs programme, shows voters' preferences as Labour 36 per cent, Conservatives 35 per cent and Alliance 26 per cent.

The survey contradicts the findings of the Marplan Index, published this week, which showed the Alliance leading the polls for the first time in almost four years with 35 per cent support against 34 per cent for Labour and 30 per cent for the Conservatives.

Both polls were conducted at approximately the same time, after last week's Trades Union Congress conference in Blackpool and before the Social Democratic Party conference in Torquay.

The Harris results, which also include voters' attitudes to political figures and their policies, have been commissioned for the programme to help to assess the national mood as the political parties gear up for the next General Election.

On interpretation being placed on the statistics is that many Conservative converts to the Alliance have gone back to their old party after watching the TUC conference.

But, given the steady rise in Alliance fortunes over recent

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A smiling Mr Gordievsky photographed in Copenhagen in 1976.

Inflation rate falls to 6.2%

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Inflation has fallen from its midsummer peak. The rate dropped to 6.2 per cent in August, with further modest falls expected over the coming months.

Lord Young, the new Secretary of State for Employment, described the figures as "extremely encouraging". He did not, however, reconfirm the Government's spring forecast of only 5 per cent inflation by the fourth quarter of this year, which still looks optimistic.

The 12-monthly increase in retail prices, the usual measure of inflation, peaked at 7 per cent in May-June, falling slightly to 6.9 per cent in July.

Although prices rose 0.3 of a percentage point in August, bringing the index to 376.7 (Jan 1974 = 100), the 12-monthly inflation rate fell because there had been a much bigger rise in prices in August, 1984.

The main price increases in August were for household goods and clothes after the summer sales, at though beer prices also rose. There were falls in prices of seasonal vegetables and petrol.

The inflation rate is expected to decline in September as the cut in mortgage rates begins to affect the figures.

Assuming that most of the 1½ percentage points reduction feeds through in time, this would depress the inflation rate by 0.3 of a percentage point, although part of this may be cancelled by a rise in the underlying rate compared with September, 1984. However, a further drop in October is expected.

The tax and price index, which measures increases in the cost of living after allowing for changes in income taxes as well as spending taxes, rose by only 5.5 percentage points in the year to August.

In London yesterday the pound rose by 1.45 cents to \$1.3355.

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Joseph rejects pay appeal by school employers

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Teachers' employers had hurried meetings yesterday with both Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and the conciliation service, Acas, in a desperate attempt to find a way out of the impasse in the teachers' pay dispute after Thursday's breakdown in negotiations.

But after Sir Keith cut short a visit to Staffordshire and returned to London to see Mrs Nicky Harrison, chairman of the employers' side, at her own request, he turned down four requests from her which included finding more money to help solve the dispute, extending the October 11 deadline for talks on his £12.5 billion restructuring package and solving the lunchtime supervision problem separately.

Next week the biggest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, restarts its strikes in schools, which are due to be intensified this term. There is now no end in sight to the dispute, though the October 11 deadline is unlikely to be allowed to pass without some new attempt to find a solution. The unions could not have been pleased by yesterday's fall in the inflation rate from 6.9 per cent to 6.2 per cent.

Mrs Harrison acknowledged yesterday that she was stuck. "I feel like a piece of lettuce caught between the slices of bread", she said. She con-



Sir Keith Joseph and Mrs Harrison: at odds

Tycoons meet guerrillas in the bush

Luangwa Game Park, Zambia (AP) - Top South African businessmen huddled in this remote game park yesterday with exiled black guerrilla leaders in an unprecedented meeting both sides said could mark the beginning of bringing peace to their country.

"We felt they and us, that this has been a very important contribution to the process of seeking ways and means of ending the violence of apartheid," said Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the outlawed African National Congress.

Mr Gavin Relly, chairman of South Africa's giant Anglo American mining and mineral-

marketing company, said he emerged from the talks, held under the eye of President Kaunda of Zambia "with a good sense that more talks might lead to some fruitful conclusion."

The delegation of white men, who control much of South Africa's vast wealth, and the guerrilla chiefs fighting for black power met for six hours at President Kaunda's private Ntwe lodge in the dry bush of eastern Zambia.

Buck grazed near a lagoon outside the lodge as Mr Relly and the leaders of the ANC - outlawed and regarded as

terrorists by the South African government - debated the future of their nation.

There is speculation that Friday's meeting could lead to talks between President Botha and the ANC. But Mr Botha has said he will never talk to the ANC unless it and its jailed leaders Mr Nelson Mandela, renounce violence.

Mr Relly, describing South African big business as reformist, called for the unconditional release of Mr Mandela, who has been imprisoned for life since a 1964 conviction for planning sabotage.

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Pay-off row after profits plunge

By Jeremy Warner

Lord Keith, the new chairman and chief executive of STC, was given an angry reception by shareholders yesterday at a meeting called to approve a £286,000 pay-off to his predecessor, Sir Kenneth Corfield.

Wide action to cut the expenses of the troubled telecommunications and electronics company was announced but that failed to stem bitter criticism of the board and its management record.

Lord Keith said that the directors came to the unanimous conclusion that Sir Kenneth had to go after seeing the company's results for the first half of the year, showing that profits had slumped from £76.2 million to £21.4 million.

Had Sir Kenneth been summarily dismissed, "he would undoubtedly have had a claim against the company which in all probability would have been greater than the terms he accepted", Lord Keith said.

However, shareholders who have seen the value of their shares plunge over the last year, repeatedly accused the board of incompetence, and challenged the morality of the pay-off.

Lord Keith said the board collectively shared responsibility for the disasters of the last year and that with many of the directors coming up for retirement and the search for a new chief executive well advanced, there would be considerable changes.

Measures to cut £50 million a year off group costs and involving large job losses would be taken "within the foreseeable future", he said.

The American management consulting firm, Arthur D Little, had been employed to review the group's electronic component business, which has been losing money heavily.

In particular, the consultants would look at the future of the group's £60 million investment in a new semi-conductor plant at Footscray, in Kent, for which government assistance is being received.

STC had also employed Peat Marwick Mitchell, the international accounting and consultancy firm.

Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby, management consultants, had been hired to review pay among senior executives and to bring it into line with comparable British companies, shareholders were told, Arthur Andersen, the auditing firm, had been employed to examine cash management procedures.

GEC shareholders also met in London yesterday. They were told by Mr James Prior, the former cabinet minister who took over as chairman a year ago, that profits for the first four months of the year were lower but that despite generally difficult trading conditions, earnings were expected to show an increase for the year as a whole.

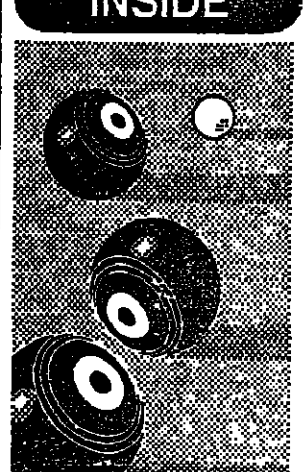
Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, said Sir Keith was talking nonsense. "His attack on the NUT is simply a smokescreen to cover his own quite appalling role in this dispute", he said.

Mrs Harrison spent more than an hour yesterday afternoon with Acas after her meeting with Sir Keith. She talked to Sir Pat Lowry, chairman of the conciliation service, and Mr Denis Boyd, chief conciliation officer.

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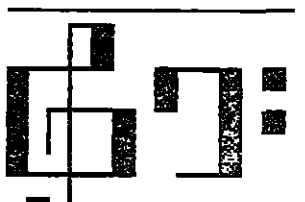
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The Liberal conference opens in Dundee

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FAST WOMEN

Here's your chance to see some of the world's best women athletes in action at Crystal Palace today, Saturday, September 14th, starting at 1.30pm. It's the top women's event of the season with many invited internationally famous guest runners. Highlights will be televised and shown on ITV. Wherever you are, whatever you do, don't miss it! Tickets for a family of four cost from just £5. So why not make it a fun day out for everyone. Sponsored by HFC Trust & Savings.

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KGB defector gave hints of western sympathies, Britons who met him say

By Staff Reporters

Mr Oleg Gordievski, the KGB officer whose defection to Britain was announced on Thursday, may have come close to breaking his cover as a secret agent inside the Soviet embassy in London in his contacts with a British churchman in 1983.

The Rev Michael Borgeaux, director of Keston College, the institute which studies religion in the Soviet Union, said yesterday he had found Mr Gordievski "unusually sympathetic" to religion and became suspicious.

The double agent's interest in religion is part of a complex picture that is beginning to emerge of a man who cultivated a smooth unremarkable style in his professional dealings in London, but who showed lively interest, humanity and a sense of humour when he was off guard.

Mr Gordievski seemed to have concentrated particularly on keeping a low, cool profile as he evidently rose to a higher position in the KGB with his transfer from Copenhagen to London in 1982. In Denmark he had made many contacts and was known as a friendly, open personality.

Mr Borgeaux said he was leaving a reception at Lambeth Palace in 1983 when "I suddenly found he (Mr Gordievski) was beside me and began talking volubly."

Mr Borgeaux said Mr Gordievski surprised him by saying that he was very interested in the work of Keston College, which is regularly attacked in the Soviet Press. "He said it was very important for the Soviet Union that such work should be done."

Mr Gordievski said the Soviet anti-religious policy was not quite as bad as it seemed. There was an intention to make it a little more human.

"It was a very pleasant conversation but not the one you would expect to have with a Soviet diplomat," Mr Borgeaux said. "I was already suspicious as I thought he was trying to over-impress me. He was so open, that was the funny thing. Had I known he was working for British intelligence I would have been more guarded in talking to me."

On a second occasion after Mr Borgeaux had been awarded a prize, Mr Gordievski approached him at a reception and said "congratulations, you really have done well to win this prize". It sounded very genuine, Mr Borgeaux said yesterday.

It was also at a reception at Lambeth Palace that Mr Gordievski behaved unlike a Soviet diplomat by befriending a Mrs. Viktoria Korjennikova, a Russian exile who is director of information at Keston College.

Mr Korjennikova, whose grandfather was an officer in the White Russian Army and whose family left the Soviet Union in 1920, said "this normally makes a Russian who meets me in this country very uncomfortable. I am assumed to be the enemy and ignored, but Mr Gordievski did not mind at all."

"He was obviously very well read in western literature and gave the impression of being completely at home in the West. He did not have that wary look that most Russian diplomats here have."

"He was dressed sharply, though not ostentatiously, in Western-style clothes and seemed comfortable in them, unlike many of the Russians here who give the impression they are wearing hand-me-downs. He was very suave and sophisticated."

"He told me he was a career diplomat and very much wanted to give the impression that he was a man of the world. At the time of his transfer from Copenhagen to London Mr Gordievski told a Danish diplomat that he was getting divorced and that it was causing him trouble with his masters in Moscow."

The remark was puzzling to diplomats in London who had noticed no signs of a marital breakup. On social occasions Mr Gordievski was accompanied by a very attractive, pleasant and sophisticated wife, they said.

But diplomats in London who had met him all said they knew nothing of his private life, his interests or his activities. They described him as smooth, polite, more sophisticated than most Soviet diplomats and apparently efficient, but a man who never drew attention to himself and who had no memorable characteristics.

No action so far from Moscow

From Richard Owen, Moscow

There was no Soviet reaction yesterday to the expulsion of 25 Russians from London. But diplomats said "tit-for-tat" retaliation could still come against British diplomats, businessmen and journalists in Moscow.

However, sources said Britain's offer to allow the number of Soviet diplomatic staff in London to rise to 46, once the six diplomats among those accused of spying have gone, could tip the balance towards a "soft" Soviet response.

The Soviet authorities must weigh several factors carefully, including the possible impact of retaliatory moves on western European opinion on the eve of a number of key East-West meetings.

Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British Ambassador, was not summoned to the Soviet Foreign Ministry and talks this week involving British firms exporting energy, medical, light industry and car industry equipment and expertise proceeded normally.

Spy charge is 'ridiculous', expelled journalist claims

By Staff Reporters

Mr Yuri Kudimov, one of the journalists whose expulsion was announced on Thursday, dismissed as "ridiculous" yesterday the charge that he had been spying.

"I am not a spy. I am a journalist," he said. "This is a political act."

Mr Kudimov, who claimed that he did not know Mr Oleg Gordievski, the KGB defector, had still not been officially told of his expulsion yesterday.

He has been London correspondent of *Komsomolskaya Pravda* for less than two years and had another year of his contract to run.

Mr Michael Boodanov, a correspondent for *Socialist Industry*, and Mr Viktor Mizulov, a Tass correspondent, two more of the five journalists ordered out of Britain, were already on holiday in Moscow and will not return.



Mr Yuri Kudimov, outside the Soviet embassy in Kensington yesterday

KGB agent was controlled by MI6 from start

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The 25 expulsions announced on Thursday appear to be part of a two-pronged move against Russian espionage activity in Britain. In April there were five expulsions which included two assistant naval attaches and an assistant military attaché.

This week's expulsions seem to be directed against those who would have been seeking information from civilian rather than military sources.

Mr Gordievski can offer information not only about his KGB operations but also the work of the GRU, the intelligence directorate of the Soviet general staff.

While the GRU seek purely military information, the KGB is more wide-ranging, looking at British politics, institutions and trade links. Mr Gordievski, for example, is credited with an interest in the unions, peace movements and the Church.

Cultural exchanges may be first casualty

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Fears are mounting in artistic circles that the growing cultural thaw between London and Moscow will be the first victim of the defection of a senior KGB official to Britain, and the expulsion of 25 Soviet officials.

Mr Boris Korchagin, aged 45, one of the most senior of the expelled diplomats, was first secretary of the Soviet embassy's cultural department in London, and was closely involved in the negotiation of a new cultural agreement signed earlier this year.

Last week he had lunch at

the British Council, accompanying a senior cultural official from Moscow who was visiting London. Talks are also under way for tours by a number of important British companies.

A British Council official said yesterday that it had received no indication that events in London might affect cultural relations. It is possible, however, that the council's one officer in Moscow, who works out of the British embassy, could be involved in any "tit-for-tat" expulsions.

Last month there was an agreement for the London Festival Ballet to visit the Soviet Union next May, the first British dance company to tour there in 25 years and the first arts group to visit since

1974, and the Bolshoi ballet is due to make a reciprocal visit to Britain next spring. Talks are also under way for tours by a number of important British companies.

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Described in a letter to *The Times* of November 12, 1878, as "the absurd spire at Battersea", the steeple of St Mary's Church also has its admirers. Among them is the present vicar, Canon John Morris, who yesterday joined a steeplejack at the top of the recently renovated spire. The vicar also placed a "time capsule" in the spire, which was built in 1777 -

(Photographs: Ross Drinkwater)

Police 'stretched thin' at riots

From Peter Davenport, Hutton, Lancashire

Senior police officers have warned the Home Secretary that their forces are being stretched dangerously thin at times because of serious public disorder.

They asked Mr Douglas Hurd yesterday to review police numbers and approve increases from the present strength of 120,000 officers.

Mr Charles McLachlan, the outgoing president of the Association of Chief Officers, speaking at the close of a three-day conference at the Lancashire police headquarters at Hutton, said: "I am sure that what happened in Handsworth was straightforward looting and thuggery."

I raised the point with the Home Secretary that if we are to be faced with increased public order problems then the levels of police will have to be looked at.

"While at the moment we are barely getting by in ordinary

policing terms, if we are to be faced with these problems on increasing levels we will have to look at police strengths."

Mr McLachlan, Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, said he did not want to see the introduction of a "third force" on the lines of France's paramilitary CRS to deal with riots and public disorder. "But we are stretched dangerously thin at times of serious public disorder."

Mr McLachlan added that although police strength had gone up, the rise had been almost valueless by increased demands on the service such as those posed by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

The police chief held no formal discussion of the riots but heard a 25-minute briefing from Mr Geoffrey Dear, the Chief Constable of the West Midlands.

The new president of the association is Mr Stanley

Bailey, Chief Constable of Northumbria, who took over the office yesterday.

Fire brigade freeze

The Government expects new fire and civil defence authorities to freeze recruitment in four of Britain's biggest fire brigades "until the necessary economies have been achieved by natural wastage," Lord Glenarthur, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said yesterday (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

The brigades are London's, Merseyside's, Greater Manchester's and South Yorkshire's.

Lord Glenarthur's statement, made at the annual conference of the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association at Eastbourne, was an attempt to calm mounting concern among fire fighters.

Japanese firms favour North-east

Japanese investment in north-eastern England is set to grow, according to the North Of England Development Council, with up to six more companies considering manufacturing there.

Mr Ken Oshima, the council's Tokyo representative, said in Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday that the region could become the largest manufacturing centre for Japanese companies in western Europe.

Seven Japanese companies have located in the North-east, the highest being Nissan.

The six potential investors remained unnamed. Among them is believed to be Komatsu, the earth-moving equipment maker.

Rail unions agree to talk on guards' jobs

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The British Railways Board is to meet union leaders early next week in an attempt to resolve an impasse over productivity in which 251 guards remain dismissed for taking action in protest at the introduction of driver-only trains.

The National Union of Railwaymen and the Association of Drivers' union, yesterday resolved to start joint negotiations with the board on the introduction of driver-only operations.

Management, however, has made it clear that the guards will not be reinstated until the NUR agrees to talks about the whole range of efficiency measures BR wants to introduce.

The signs were last night that a resolution from Thursday's

emergency meeting of NUR delegates which authorized talks on driver-only trains would not be sufficient to secure the re-employment of the dismissed guards.

The board is looking for a commitment to free-ranging negotiations from the union which could be given only by a fresh delegate meeting.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the NUR, said after the meeting with Aslef yesterday that BR was holding his members to ransom and that management could not expect "a blank cheque".

More than 5,500 staff in the signals and telecommunications departments are being balloted on action in protest at job losses.

Colliery review deal closer

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Pit union leaders and the National Coal Board yesterday moved an important stage closer to a deal on a new colliery review procedure, the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfriers and the British Association of Colliery Management, yesterday suggested that they should have three nominees, with the third nominated by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Management conceded that its six-member panel, two union nominees and the rest appointed by the Inns of Court, should be reduced to five. Under the scheme only one adjudicator would be consulted on the future of each pit.

Both sides have agreed to recon sider their position and return for more talks. The unions will be keen to strike a deal before the coal board's next meeting on October 4 when Mr Ian MacGregor, coal board chairman, has threatened to consider three pit closures without reference to the new procedure.

Mr Ken Foulstone, who led a back-to-work movement in Yorkshire during the miners' strike and is now serving a three-month jail sentence for burglary, will lose his job as NCB spokesman said last night. Any coal board employee away from work for more than 21 days is dismissed unless he is ill. It is understood that when he is released Mr Foulstone can re-apply for his job.

Former Civil Servant to be NCB deputy

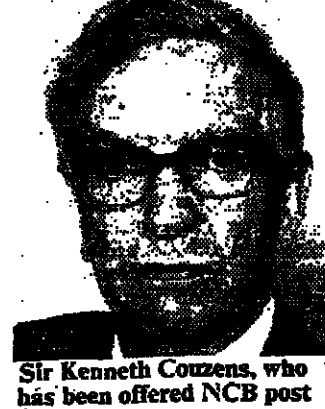
By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The appointment of Sir Kenneth Cousins, former Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Energy, as the next deputy to Mr Ian MacGregor at the National Coal Board - formal confirmation is still a month away - will be made with the full support of the NCB chairman.

Sir Kenneth has been offered the job by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, at the suggestion of the National Coal Board chairman. He will remain as deputy for at least

three years, overlapping with the new chairman when Mr MacGregor's term of office ends in just over a year.

Sir Kenneth, who retired in May, was suggested by Mr MacGregor as an ideal deputy to replace Mr James Cowan, who is to retire shortly.



Sir Kenneth Cousins, who has been offered NCB post

Handsworth groups to shun police inquiry

From Craig Seton, Birmingham

The police inquiry into the Handsworth riot is to be boycotted by community leaders who are demanding an independent investigation to be held in public. Birmingham community relations council said yesterday.

The council says in letters to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and Mr Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, who is to carry out the police investigation that community leaders "will not co-operate in any way with the (police) inquiry because the immediate causes of the riot were police harassment and insensitive and inappropriate policing in the racially-mixed area of Handsworth."

The letters, signed by Mr Leslie Sirwardena, secretary of the community relations council, add: "The Afro-Caribbean, Asian and white communities will not have confidence in the police inquiry and the findings of such an inquiry will not be acceptable to the people of Birmingham."

The council said yesterday that none of the Handsworth community leaders it had met was prepared to co-operate with Mr Dear in the preparation of a report on the riot to be sent to the Home Secretary. They were, however, likely instead to give evidence to the public inquiry that the Labour-controlled Birmingham City Council has announced it will set up.

The community relations leaders and city council want a public inquiry with similar terms of reference to those given to Lord Scarman in his investigation into the inner-city disturbances of 1981.

The Cabinet decision to reject a public inquiry was condemned yesterday by Mr Jeff Rooker, Labour MP for Birmingham, Perry Barr, which includes Handsworth.

Mr Rooker, who did not criticize the police over the causes of the riot, said yesterday: "People will not trust the police to conduct their own internal inquiry because different sections of the community, for different reasons, have sincerely-held views about inefficiency, inaction, heavy-handedness or softness by the police."

"The police have to answer a lot of questions from various parts of the community and a police-led inquiry is not the best way to do it. I hope, the Government changes its mind."

Mr Rooker said that some witnesses would not want to give any evidence to any kind of inquiry, but he added: "We have got to make an effort if only for the fact that, although 56,300 people live in the Handsworth and Lozells area, 95.5 per cent did not riot, and we owe it to those people to make an attempt to find out the truth of what happened."

Special Branch detectives in Birmingham are studying anti-police leaflets giving instructions on the making of petrol bombs, a few of which have been handed out in Handsworth.

A "peace march" by various ethnic and religious groups, which was planned to be held today in Handsworth to bring reconciliation to the area, has been postponed.

Mr Tom Meffan, assistant chief constable of the West Midlands, who heads the police investigation into the murder of two Asian brothers and the looting and arson during Monday's riot, said yesterday that in the past 24 hours-period 12 people had been arrested and were to be interviewed about cases of looting.

Immigrant mothers lead baby league

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

More than half the births in four London boroughs last year were to mothers born outside the United Kingdom, according to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys yesterday.

The highest proportion was in Brent with 62 per cent, with most of the mothers coming from the New Commonwealth and Pakistan.

In Kensington and Chelsea, however, where 54 per cent of births were to mothers born abroad, 40 per cent of them were to foreigners (other than Pakistanis) and women from the Old Commonwealth.

The two other boroughs at the top of the table were Westminster (53 per cent) and Tower Hamlets (51 per cent). Ealing had 49 per cent, Outside London, Slough had 41 per cent, Leicester 36 per cent and Birmingham 30 per cent.

The office speaks of a rise in such births last year. The figures relate to Greater London and the 15 metropolitan districts with the greatest absolute number of births to mothers born outside the United Kingdom.

In the majority of these areas the total number of births rose between 1983 and 1984. In most cases the number of births to overseas-born mothers also increased over the 1983 figures, reversing a previous downward trend.

With the exception of Luton, the numbers of births to overseas-born mothers were still below those of the peak year, 1980.

Burglary charge man gets bail

Jeremy Bamber, brother of Mrs Sheila Caffell, a model who died in a multiple shooting, was granted unconditional bail yesterday four days after facing a burglary charge. He will appear again on October 16.

Mr Bamber, aged 24, a former, of Head Street, Goldhanger, Essex, appeared before a special court in Chelmsford on Monday and was remanded in police custody charged with burgling the offices of the Osea Bay caravan site, at Mill Beach, near Goldhanger, on March 25 and stealing £980.

Outside the court, Mr Bruce Bowler who represented Mr Bamber said his client had been interviewed by detectives investigating the deaths of the Bamber family last month at their home near Maldon.

Scotland pays tribute to Stein

Thousands of people lined the streets of Glasgow yesterday to pay their last respects to the Scotland football manager, Jock Stein, as his funeral procession passed on its way to a short service at Linn Crematorium.

Scottish players from the World Cup team were at the funeral with the family, as were many managers and players associated with Mr Stein's managerial days.

Exhibition plan

A "Great Exhibition", recalling that of 1851, and celebrating British achievements, has been proposed for the year 2001. Mr Evan Steadman, who has proposed the event, told a meeting at the House of Commons yesterday that it could create thousands of jobs and stimulate British industry, science and prestige.

£86m refit

The nuclear-powered submarine, Superb, completed a two-year, £86 million refit at Devonport dockyard yesterday.

Rebel councillor Knight may contest Silkin's seat

By Hugh Clayton

Mr Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth council, hopes to be the next MP for the London constituency of Lewisham and Deptford held by Mr John Silkin. "He has put himself forward," a spokesman for Mr Knight said yesterday. "He has indicated his interest, but he feels that his candidature is a matter for him and the local constituency party, and not for the media." Mr Silkin has decided not to stand again for the Labour-held seat.

Mr Knight is one of 80 Labour councillors who risk surcharges and bankruptcy by being accused of "wiffling misconduct" by Mr Brian Skinner, district auditor for London. His made bankrupt will be barred from sitting in Parliament.

Mr Knight, who described himself as a full-time councillor, has been served with a surcharge bill of almost £4,000. Much larger bills may follow, and he intends to fight them all in court. Councillors are not paid salaries, but are entitled to claim expenses.

Mr Knight, aged 52, has been leader of Lambeth council for most of the 11 years as a councillor. He has often been associated with views far to the left of the Labour party's, and this year has, in a personal capacity, canvassed rallies organized by the Workers' Revolutionary Party.

He was a close associate for many years of Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, although Mr Knight failed to win a GLC seat himself. He was also one of the chief architects of the rates rebellion by Labour councillors in the spring.

MP's concern on TV levy

The Commons public accounts committee yesterday voiced concern that the levy paid to the Treasury by independent television companies has fallen while their advertising revenue and taxable profits have increased.

With government ministers deciding whether to change the way the levy is calculated, the MPs on the public spending watchdog say the drop in the levy last year underlines misgivings they have about the system.

In the 12 months to December 1984 the 14 independent television companies achieved net advertising revenue of £91.3 million and pre-levy profits of £94.8 million, compared with £73.4 million and £74.2 million respectively for the 1982-3 financial year.

Yet the levy paid to the Treasury fell from £24.6 million to £24.1 million.

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CAA orders more checks on Boeing 737s after preliminary crash report

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

More checks and modifications to Boeing 737 aircraft were ordered by the Civil Aviation Authority yesterday after a preliminary report on the Manchester airport disaster by the Accident Investigation Branch (AIB).

The front right-hand door, which jammed during evacuation of the crashed aircraft, is being modified, and additional checks are to be made on Pratt and Whitney JT8D engines, based on number of flights as well as number of hours flown.

The fire was caused by an "explosive rupture" in one of the engine's combustion chambers and casing, parts of which punctured an inspection panel on the underside of the wing, and the fuel tank inside, the AIB report finds.

Fuel was released in large quantities and immediately ignited, the fire extending along

the left-hand side of the aircraft, and penetrating the hull.

Fire in the rear fuselage developed into a more generalised fire in the cabin, destroying much of the furniture, upper part of the fuselage, and the door above the rear freight hold.

Crew reported a bang like a burst tyre when the engine exploded. When the aircraft had come to a stop the captain ordered evacuation from the right side, after seeing fire to the left.

But when the purser tried to open the front right-hand door, which was furthest from the fire, it jammed and he crossed the aircraft to open the left hand door. Firefighters having doused the flames with foam, the purser then returned and managed to open the right hand door.

A CAA spokesman said yesterday that they had already

ordered more stringent fire-resistant qualities in aircraft fabrics, and were considering new rules on interior panels. The inspection cover through which the engine parts penetrated the fuel tank might also be strengthened, and further modifications to the Pratt and Whitney engine might follow extensive investigations still being carried out as a result of the crash.

Britain has ordered more rigorous tests than the United States. Mr John Chaplin, head of safety at the CAA, said yesterday that the authority was "erring on the side of caution".

The Federal Aviation Administration in America clearly felt it would get the same result with its tests, but the CAA feared that by adopting the same method it might miss some engine cracks that could be significant.

Extra precautions for engine safety

Additional checks are to be made on Pratt and Whitney engines fitted to British-built 737 aircraft, after a more detailed account was released by the Accident Investigation Branch (AIB) yesterday of how an engine explosion led to disaster.

In addition to earlier requirements for checks on engines with 9,000-12,000 hours' service, they will now be required on those having made 3,750 flights, ie CAA Civil Aviation Authority said. Engine wear is related to the number of take-off and landings, as well as to hours flown.

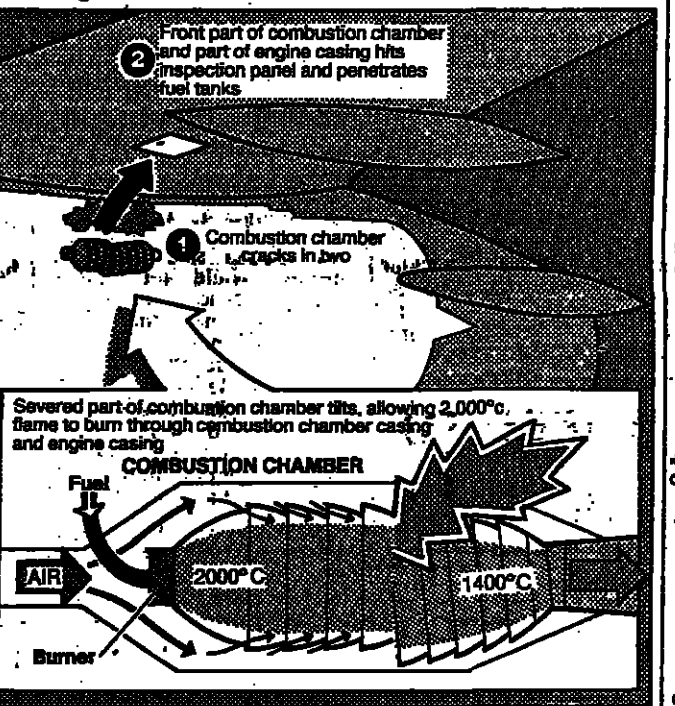
The new requirement, which goes beyond those so far imposed in the United States, is necessary "to remove any possibility of a recurrence of this most unusual failure sequence". Mr John Chaplin, head of safety at the CAA, said. The AIB report says the explosion was caused by a crack widening around one of the

nine combustion chambers, or cans, on the engine, splitting it in two.

The rear part of the chamber, assumed an angle in full fire of the very hot gases that should have been passed. The metal of the can melted, and a piece of the engine casing, followed by the nose of the fan, flew out and hit an inspection panel on the lower side of the adjoining wing, penetrating a fuel tank.

The fuel poured out, causing a fire which quickly penetrated the left side of the rear fuselage. Any long-term modification in the JT8D engine, including combustion chambers, must await extensive investigation being carried out by the AIB.

The CAA, the US Federal Aviation Administration and the manufacturers, the CAA said. Meanwhile checks made since the disaster have resulted in 24 British engines being withdrawn including 22 of British Airways, a quarter of those in service.



Aircraft's door to be modified

Modification of the front right-hand door on all Boeing 737s is to be carried out after a preliminary report by Britain's Accident Investigation Branch (AIB) disclosed yesterday that this door jammed in last month's Manchester airport crash. The ensuing delay almost certainly resulted in a higher death toll.

The modification is a simple one and on some aircraft has already been carried out. Meanwhile, all 737 operators in Britain have been instructed by the Civil Aviation Authority on how to avoid a repetition of the jamming with existing doors.

The door of the 737 in the Manchester crash jammed apparently because the steward used both speed and force in trying to open it, although there is no suggestion that the action was incorrect.

As shown in the diagram, the door is a "plug" type which cannot be opened without first being pulled inward and swivelled. On the lower part of the inside of the door is a box, or "bustle", containing the escape chute. As the door is opened outwards, a piece of cord automatically removes a retaining pin from the bottom of the bustle, releasing the chute.

In the Manchester crash the pin came out before the door was open, and the bottom of the bustle projected, jamming the door.

US stand over jumbo doors criticized

An attack on America's Federal Aviation Administration was made yesterday by Mr John Dent, chairman of Britain's Civil Aviation Authority, in a reference to doors on Boeing 747 (jumbo) jets.

Mr Dent refused to criticize British Airways for removing from three aircraft, two doors but did criticize the FAA for, on the one hand, making regulations that permitted removal of the doors, and on the other, advising US airlines by letter not to do so.

"I do not want to criticize Don Engen (Admiral Donald

Engen, chairman of the FAA), he said in London. "But he has accepted public and trade union pressure, and that way lies chaos for the whole industry. We are not in this business."

It was vital for aviation states to follow international regulation and not get into a position where airlines could say "we are safer than you" Mr Dent said. To start setting up safety against commercial viability would be the beginning of the end of safety in the industry.

Originally licensed for 10 doors for up to 550 passengers, the 747 could be flown, in both

Britain and the US, with eight doors for up to 440 passengers. British Airways, which carried fewer than 420 in their jumbos, could not be criticized for taking advantage of a change which conformed with international standards, Mr Dent said.

Studies were being carried out by the FAA, the CAA, and others that could result in changes to the "90-second rule" requiring all passengers to be able to leave an aircraft within 90 seconds through only half its doors, but Mr Dent said there was no evidence that existing rules were inadequate.

Instead it is concentrating on civil and military areas, particularly coastal patrol, and advertising. "We know in terms of efficiency and cost-saving, airships can do a better job in civil and military fields," Mr Birchmore said.

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Airship firm gets passenger licence

Airship Industries, the UK-based company resurrected last year by Mr Alan Bond, an Australian businessman, has been granted its first licence to carry fare-paying passengers in western Europe.

Mr Alan Birchmore, managing director of Airship Industries which had previously run up losses of £5.6 million, described the Civil Aviation Authority endorsement as another rung in the ladder of respectability for airships.

Predicting London-Paris airship flights by the 1990s, Mr Birchmore said: "There are certainly many niches airships can fill, including the tourist area, it is a very pleasant and safe way of flying."

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Doctors told to be more cost-conscious on drugs

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Doctors were urged yesterday by Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health, to help make savings in the National Health Service drugs bill, at present costing £1.4 billion a year.

The profession and the Government together must find "sensible economies" in the costs, which were growing faster than health service expenditure generally, he said.

In his first speech since taking office, Mr Hayhoe told a conference of doctors in London that there was a need to move to a new phase in the relationship between the Government and the profession on prescribing. Doctors should aim for "greater price con-

siousness" when they decide to prescribe.

"I fully recognize that prescribing is much more than a matter of pounds and pence. We need to initiate a discussion about ways in which doctors can be helped to reach the highest professional standards in their prescribing, taking account of the latest available information on all aspects of medicine," he said.

The Department of Health was having talks with the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industries about future drug-pricing arrangements that would provide a greater measure of stability for the industry.

Piper wins gold clasp playing nameless tune

From Angus Nicol, Inverness

The march Strathspey and Reel, for the Royal Scottish Pipe Society silver star, was won by Piper Alastair Gillies, Queen's Own Highlanders.

Full results of the second day of the Highland Society of London gold medal.

The event is open only to holders of the Highland Society of London gold medal. Iain MacFadyen took second prize with the Battle of the Pass of Crieff, William Livingstone, from Ontario, Canada, was third with the Lament for Padraig O'MacCrimmon, and John MacDougall, was fourth playing appropriately, The MacDougall's Gathering.



Members of the Sadupi group of Indonesian dancers who were dancing in Grosvenor Square, London, yesterday to publicize an Indonesian cultural evening of music, dance and fashion at the Albert Hall on Monday (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Mother in cruelty case freed

A mother whose husband is believed to have committed suicide by leaping from a multi-story car park during his trial on child cruelty charges, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mrs Kathleen Brophy, aged 34, of Derwent Court, Ravenscroft estate, Hampstead, north London, sobbed in the dock as three charges against her were dropped.

She and her husband, Peter, aged 30, a security guard, faced trial last month accused of causing "horrific injuries" to their son Michael, aged six months.

The trial was abandoned shortly before a jury was due to consider verdicts when Mr Brophy plunged 70ft to his death from a Hammersmith car park.

The couple had strenuously denied causing harm to their son.

£1,000 bonus for worker partners

By John Lawless

A group of Hampshire cereals, fruit and dairy farm-workers learnt yesterday that industrial democracy in Britain is not only alive and well, but extremely profitable.

The 97 people who work on the 4,000-acre Leckford Estate, which spans the Test, are among the lesser-known of the "worker partners" in the John Lewis Partnership. There are 27,000 of them in all.

Company profits rose 25 per cent in the first six-month trading period this year to £35.1 million on sales of £34.4 million. That means bonuses worth on average £1,000 per person.

John Spedan Lewis ("We are never knowingly undersold") was the man who started what is now Britain's oldest and largest company run as "an industrial democracy".

Today, that scheme has been spread throughout the concern, which includes not only 21 department stores and 78 Waitrose supermarkets, but also the farm, two mills (near Carlisle and at Darwen in Lancashire), and exporting and wholesaling concerns.

Department stores sales at the half-year rose by 13 per cent to £315 million over the same period last year.

The amount put aside this year for bonuses and for future investments is £27.3 million.

Aids test extended to semen donors

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

British donors of sperm for artificial insemination are to be screened for the Aids virus after four women in Australia became infected in that way.

The Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday that a screening test, due to be introduced for blood donors next month, will be extended to include sperm donors. Men in high-risk groups of contracting Aids are being discouraged from donating sperm to infertility clinics.

Doctors in Australia report in today's issue of *The Lancet* that the Aids virus can be transmitted heterosexually in semen.

Eight women were given semen from a donor in Sydney who was later found to be a carrier of the Aids virus. Four of the women became infected and one has developed an Aids-related condition, persistently swollen glands.

The other women have remained symptom-free three years after insemination. Three of the women became pregnant by another donor and the children are in good health with no Aids antibodies. But they have been advised against further pregnancies through artificial insemination by donor (AID).

About a thousand babies a year are born in Britain through AID.

The evidence from Australia showing that Aids can be transmitted to women in semen adds to the difficulties facing health officials in trying to limit the spread of the disease.

But there is no evidence that the disease can be transmitted from women to men through sexual contact.

Seventy-six out of 99 haemophiliacs tested for Aids were found to be infected, according to a report in today's *British Medical Journal*. All but one had received Factor VIII, the blood clotting agent imported from America.

The Aids Centre for the Disabled in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, is to change its name to the Independent Living Centre after members complained it was wrongly associated with Aids.

Early death study for Scotland

The secrets of long life are to be studied by a research unit in Scotland, the industrial country with the highest rate of premature female deaths.

New offices of the Medical Research Council's medical sociology unit, which transferred from Aberdeen to Glasgow to increase its field of study, were opened yesterday by Mr Roy Jenkins, the former Social Democratic leader.

Dr Sally Macintyre, the director, said: "Scotsmen have the second highest death rate of any industrial country. The women do even worse - theirs is the highest."

She said the reasons why Scots died earlier than others were unclear.

Dr Macintyre said another study, which has been running in Aberdeen since 1948, had shown that poor girls were better off tall because it gave them the chance of finding an upper class husband.

Acid rain may lead to more bone disease, doctors say

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

An increase in the incidence of an uncommon bone disease, osteomalacia, was predicted yesterday. The culprit would be the rise in water supplies of the concentrations of aluminium, leached from the soil by acid rain, the International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry, meeting in Manchester, was told by Professor John Savory.

The evidence presented by Dr Savory, professor of pathology at the University of Virginia, was based on the possible side-effects of treatments involving aluminium compounds given to patients suffering from kidney failure. One of the side-effects was the softening of bone, which in the past had been the disorder associated with vitamin D deficiency, producing rickets.

Dr Savory said US doctors used chelating agents, which enabled toxic metals to be excreted, to counter the side-effects of treatments using aluminium compounds. Dr Philip Day, of the chemistry department of Manchester University, said about 50 cases of osteomalacia a year were treated in the Manchester area and in Newcastle upon Tyne, but the condition was absent in the south of England. The cases were associated with high levels of aluminium, which could be reduced with a chelating agent such as desferrioxamine.

Dr Day attributed the cases in north-eastern and north-western England to aluminium levels in water supplies which had been treated with alum to remove cloudiness. Dr Day said monitoring of water supplies in the areas had shown levels of aluminium of up to 2,000 parts per million in the Stockport area and 1,000 parts per million near Newcastle upon Tyne.

Crop could replace whale oil

Meadowfoam, a new oilseed crop, cultivated mainly on the west coast of the United States and Canada, may soon be in Britain.

The plant, a herbaceous annual native of British Columbia, Oregon and northern California, produces a high grade oil with a potentially wide range of uses.

According to *Farmers Weekly*, it is very similar to sperm whale oil, of which there is a worldwide shortage.

Japan is said to be interested in meadowfoam as an alternative raw material for cosmetics. The oil may also find uses in the textile and plastics industries, and as a lubricant.

Research at Oregon State University has so far achieved yields of up to 1.5 tonnes a hectare.

BBC shelve 'Today' on Saturday

The BBC has abandoned plans to introduce a Saturday edition of Radio 4's *Today* programme because of opposition from the National Union of Journalists.

The corporation hoped to extend the morning current-affairs programme to six days a week from the end of this month, with one presenter running a one-hour Saturday edition. But it confirmed yesterday that the idea had been dropped because of the failure of discussions.

The union declined to comment, but NUJ sources said that the idea foundered over arguments about staffing and pay.

Effectively the BBC wants a six-day programme from the existing staff and without paying any more money," a union source said.

Heart-lung transplant woman dies

Britain's latest heart-lung transplant patient, Miss Lisa Wittenberg, aged 21, died on Thursday night in Harefield Hospital, west London.

Miss Wittenberg, from Evesham, Hereford and Worcester, had a 24-hour operation which began on Sunday evening. She received the organs of a boy, aged 11, who died in a road accident in Birmingham.

During the operation, led by the surgeon Mr Magdi Yacoub, she received more than 100 pints of blood. Heart-lung transplants usually last about five hours, but the medical team had to cope with scar tissue from three previous operations and internal bleeding.

Patients' run

More than 50 heart transplant patients, including a boy aged three will follow Mr

Yacoub on a fund-raising run at Harefield Hospital tomorrow.

The actor, Sir John Mills, and Mrs Joan Morecombe, widow of the comedian, Eric Morecombe, will start the run, which aims to raise more than £30,000 to support the hospital's transplant programme.

Some of the more recent transplant patients, including Jamie Gavin, aged three, will walk part of the way. Others will attempt three-mile laps of the hospital.

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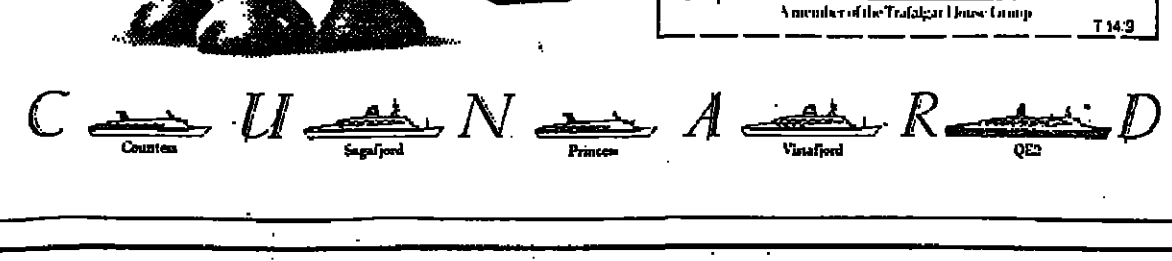
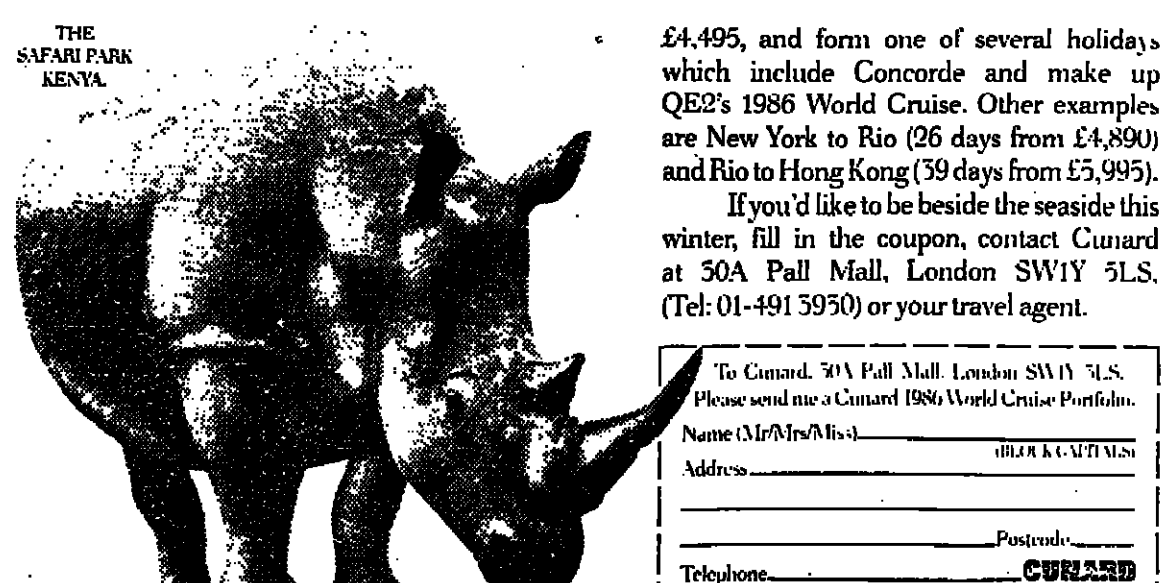
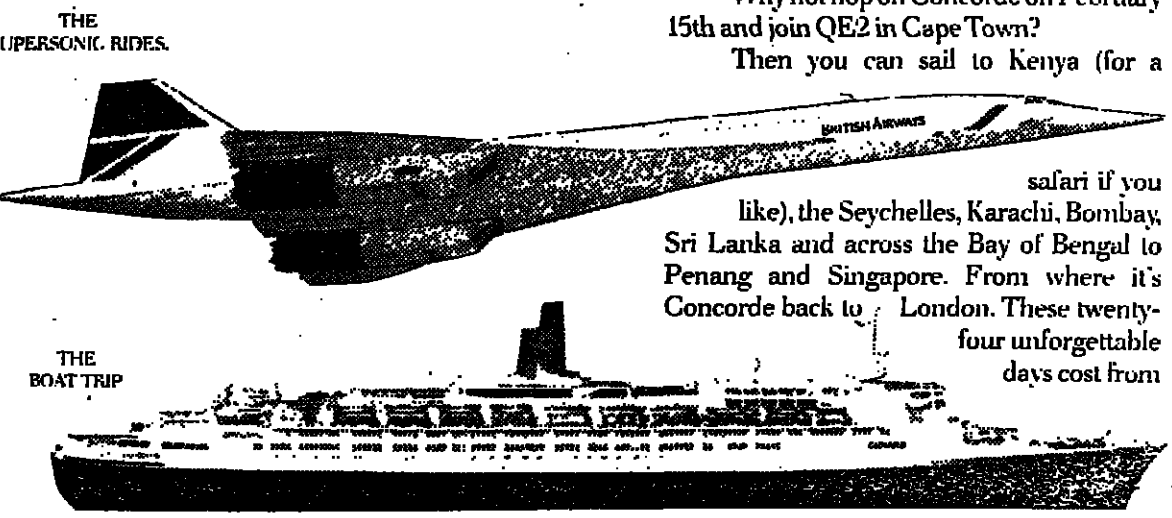
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Poll predicts Palme will stay in power but only with Communist support

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

A public opinion poll yesterday forecast a narrow socialist victory in tomorrow's Swedish general election, but with the Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme, dependent on Communist support for his next administration.

The poll, by the influential and usually reliable Sifo research institute, was the third forecast in as many days predicting a socialist victory. It forecast the socialist block will receive 50.1 per cent of the vote and the three non-socialist parties 49.8 per cent.

While the non-socialists remain divided and unable to agree a common programme, the poll confirmed the surprise ascendancy of the Liberal Party under its new leader, Mr Bengt Westerberg, aged 42 and fighting his first election.

The Liberals, who polled only 5.9 per cent in 1982, have increased their support to 10.7 per cent.

Mr Westerberg appears to be attracting support at the expense of both Mr Palme's Social Democratic party and the ailing Centre Party, whose support has

dropped to 13.6 per cent, compared with 15.5 per cent in 1982, despite a pact with the small Christian Democratic Party, which has added 2.5 per cent to Centre's total.

The Centre Party's leader, Mr Thorbjörn Fälldin, aged 59, Prime Minister for the greater part of the last period of non-socialist rule between 1976-1982, is now seen as a spent force. He is likely to resign soon after the election.

Even the weather seemed to have turned against Mr Fälldin, with many of his party's traditional supporters marooned in their homes and unable to vote after severe flooding in the northern farming region of Dalarna.

The conservatives will win 24.5 per cent, the poll predicts, a gain of only 0.9 per cent on 1982 and a big disappointment to their leader, Mr Ulf Adelsohn, aged 44, principal candidate for prime minister in the event of a shock change in fortunes for the non-socialists.

Mr Palme's Social Democrats, with 45.3 per cent, drop 0.3 per cent on 1982, but this

would be enough to lose them their independent three-seat majority over the non-socialists and force Mr Palme's next Government to rely on Communist support.

Under their "Euro" leader, Mr Lars Werner, the Communists are predicted as picking up only 4.8 per cent, falling dangerously close to the 4 per cent minimum needed for parliamentary representation under Sweden's proportional system.

The situation must worry Mr Palme, who at 58 has been forced to fight a hard campaign. In a television debate last night with the three non-socialist leaders, Mr Werner and the Finance Minister, Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, the Prime Minister sought to rally support by hammering away at the non-socialist "threat" to Sweden's welfare state, reminding the audience of his opponents' inability to form a stable government when they last held power and by emphasizing the Social Democratic slogan that "Sweden is on the right road".

US tries to placate Zia and Gandhi

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Two senior Reagan administration officials leave for India and Pakistan tomorrow to explore worsening tensions in the region and to emphasize American concern about the possible development of nuclear weapons by Pakistan.

India set off a nuclear explosion in 1974, but it insists that it has no nuclear weapons programme. Pakistan has consistently said its nuclear research and development is entirely for peaceful means.

Mr Michael Armacost, Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, and Mr Donald Fortier, a high-ranking aide in the National Security Council, will visit Delhi and Islamabad. They will also discuss the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

An Administration official was quoted yesterday as saying that the administration wanted to "get involved" to avoid a confrontation between India and Pakistan. It would dearly like Pakistan and India to reach an agreement to allow mutual inspection of nuclear sites.

In Islamabad the officials will review the US-Pakistan military arrangement which expires in March. The US is giving \$1.6 billion (£1.2 billion) in military loans over six years to help pay for 40 F-16 fighters. It also gives another \$1.6 billion in economic aid.

Portuguese train disaster Fears rise for 60 missing passengers

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Original estimates that more than 100 people were killed when an express train carrying Portuguese emigrants and tourists to Paris collided with a regular Juazeiro-Corintha train in north Portugal on Wednesday night may prove correct, according to reports in Lisbon.

Calls to the centre set up in Visco to care for survivors and to hospitals in the region seem to indicate that between 50 and 60 people are still missing.

One entire emigrant family which embarked for France is being sought by relatives after their names failed to appear on the list of survivors.

Firemen are searching the wreckage of the first sleeping carriage of the express. The carriage was behind the engine and was the most badly burned.

It at first appeared to have been empty but it is now thought that there may have been some passengers. It was constructed in the form of a long aluminium tube and many of its furnishings were of inflammable plastic.

Forty-nine bodies have so far been found but injuries are so bad that identification has been difficult and until yesterday only 19 had been identified.

Hospitals have treated 190 passengers injured in the crash and 110 survivors have now returned to France.

Dr Jorge Pestana, the spokesman for the Portuguese railways, admits, however, that he has no way of knowing how many people were in the two trains.

The maximum number of passengers would have been 450, he said. "But we have records for only those in the three sleeping carriages, which would carry a maximum of 168. We are going through our records now to check the numbers."

No records are kept of second class passengers, however, and the train had stopped at several stations before the crash.

So far only one foreigner, a young Frenchwoman, has been identified among the dead.

The British Consul in Lisbon said he had received between 40 and 50 calls from worried parents of children travelling in Portugal on Eurorail tickets and from relatives of other British tourists.

Bangkok unionists held after coup

Bangkok (AFP) - Thai police arrested three labour activists today on charges of instigating unrest and threatening state security in Monday's failed coup. The unionists said they had been forced to take part.

Parliament postponed debate on motions submitted yesterday by MPs calling for punishment of the coup plotters and measures to prevent future attempts. Analysts said the move appeared to be aimed at sparing the Prime Minister, General Prem Tinsulanonda from having to discuss the attempt in public.

The trade unionists were charged with "trying to instigate activities considered detrimental to security and stability of the state" in violation of provisions of the 1952 State Emergency Act, which was applied on Monday.

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Vietnamese refugees holding a line from the Coral Princess as the British liner rescued them in the South China Sea. The 21 refugees had drifted for three weeks after leaving Vietnam. They were put ashore at Okinawa yesterday.

Soccer on Sabbath kicked out by mayor

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

The Israeli soccer season is due to kick off today but it would take a brave man to bet even a devalued oil shekel on it doing so.

The day's star attraction is meant to be the "double header" at the extensively modernized national stadium in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan, with Maccabi Tel Aviv playing Hapoel Jerusalem, and Batei Jerusalem later playing Shimon.

But Mr Uri Amit, the Labour Party's spokesman, has decreed that football must not be played in the stadium on the Jewish Sabbath.

The Israeli Football Association chairman Mr Chaim Haberfeld, says there is a 49-year contract for use of the national stadium. "I just can't see Uri Amit standing with a flag in his hand in the middle of the stadium trying to stop a game," he said.

Mr Haberfeld has been backed by the Knesset sports committee, whose members have decided to attend the match and bring their children with them. They say the game must go on.

But Mr Amit will not lift his ban and he has now won a court ruling giving him the right to stop a ball being kicked in the stadium. Teams must play on a Friday afternoon, he insists.

Mr Amit is not particularly well known for his devout orthodox beliefs, but he is a staunch member of the Labour Party and it is suggested that he has been advised to impose the ban by the highest authorities within his party, because the ultra-religious political parties in Israel can hold the balance of power after an election.

Although the present coalition of the Labour Party and Likud left some parties on the sidelines, they could be needed by Labour to help form a future government.

Mr Amit is therefore anxious not to rouse the ill-will of the anti-Sabbath sports lobby, when their goodwill will be needed in the future.

The IFA is meanwhile threatening to stop the entire league if the Ramat Gan stadium is closed on the Sabbath. Soccer fans might, perhaps, hold the balance of power at the next election.

Breakaway party launched Greeks promised renewal

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Democratic Renewal is the name of a new Greek opposition party, and its founder, Mr Kostas Stefanopoulos, told a news conference yesterday that the emphasis was on renewal - "New ideas, new practices, new faces", he said.

Mr Stefanopoulos, aged 59, broke away from New Democracy, the conservative main opposition party, two weeks ago after disagreeing with its leader, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis. Nine of New Democracy's 120 deputies joined him to set up the new party.

The new leader denied that he had acted out of personal ambition. "You can call us romantics," he said, "but not self-seekers." Mr Stefanopoulos had been criticized for defecting because Mr Mitsotakis, by outmanoeuvring him, had diminished his chances of succeeding to the party leadership, which until then seemed to be the inevitable pattern in New Democracy after electoral defeats.

Mr Stefanopoulos said New Democracy had been defeated by the Socialists for the second time in the June elections because it had not learned the lessons of its first defeat in 1981, and because voters remained unconvinced that it was a credible alternative for power. "We seemed to be more concerned with the well-being of employers rather than the workers," he said.

"We shall try to attract those voters who, through disillusioned with four years of socialism, were not attracted to New Democracy," he said. His party's differences with New Democracy were of political practice and expression rather than of ideology. Mr Stefanopoulos insisted that he had acted in response to the growing demand for a renewal in Greek politics.

The new political leader, who has a reputation for probity and integrity, made it clear that while his party sought to express New Democracy's ideology with greater authenticity, it also wanted to alienate itself from some of the "unjust, yet widely believed, accusations" on the party's record.

Hearing Mr Stefanopoulos, it was difficult to believe that the new party's positions and policy outlines could not have been accommodated within the broad political spectrum New Democracy still seems to represent.

Perhaps there was greater emphasis on populist policies and an eagerness to accept that the Socialists were bona fide antagonists in a pluralistic society. But the basic tenets of foreign policy - Cyprus, dialogue with Turkey - and the concern that the Socialists had brought the economy to the brink of the abyss, echoed comparable declarations from New Democracy.

With four years to go before the next elections, barring surprises, of course, New Democracy would seem to be able to afford the commotions of its present soul-searching.

Perhaps, for the first time, decisions seem to rest with the party's popular base than with the so-called party "barons".

Bargemen burn two trains as protest grows

From Diana Geddes Paris

Dissatisfied by their meeting with the Government on Thursday, angry bargemen set fire to two double-deck passenger trains in a siding at Combercy in Seine-et-Marne early yesterday, causing an estimated £1 million damage. The newly set-up "Revolutionary Committee of Independent Bargemen" claimed responsibility.

The bargemen, who maintain that they are fighting for the survival of their way of life, accuse the Government of doing nothing to help inland water transport while continuing to give large subsidies to the state-owned railways, thereby enabling them to transport cereals and other freight, traditionally transported by barges, at below cost price.

Most of the bargemen have been without cargoes for the past six weeks. They have been blocking rivers and canals, sabotaging grain silos, and attacking goods trains for the past three weeks.

Fighting imperils Uganda truce

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Fighting which broke out at several places in Uganda this week, breaking the truce that existed between the ruling military council and the National Resistance Army guerrillas since the July 27 coup, threatens the fragile and delicate balance of power.

The Uganda Army leader, Lieutenant-General Basilio Okello, says three soldiers were killed and others wounded when NRA guerrillas attacked the barracks at Mbarara, 170 miles southwest of Kampala, on Thursday.

More fighting took place in the Kawanda area, seven miles north of Kampala - but neither side has announced any casualties there, although thousands of civilians fled their homes in panic when the shooting started. Kampala was still a frightened city yesterday, with many shops closed.

The military council condemns the attacks, and suggests they were part of moves to capture Kampala. But the NRA leaders here say the attacks were a response to "provocation" by the army, including the drafting of former Amin soldiers, recently returned from exile in the Sudan and Zaire, into areas controlled by the NRA.

"There was clear evidence of an intention to attack our positions," the NRA leaders say. They add that they had no intention of capturing Kampala - though they say they could take and hold it if they wished.

Former Amin soldiers are also blamed for killings of pro-Obote civilians, and a wave of looting and destruction in the Lango district of northern Uganda ex-President Obote's home area.

Ugandans are apprehensive about the breakdown of the ceasefire, and about the delay in concluding peace talks between the Military Council and the NRA. Two sessions of such talks in Nairobi have been inconclusive, and the Military Council has not yet said when it will be ready to resume them.

Sinking reveals Polish cover-up

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

An extraordinary saga of corruption, cover-up and incompetence on the high seas has been unveiled by a sensitive inquiry into the sinking of a Polish vessel.

The story shocks not just because of the 24 seamen needlessly killed but because the chain of neglect and bungled opportunities, of shortages and bureaucratic stubbornness, could apply to many aspects of Polish or Soviet-bloc life.

The Busko Zdroj foundered in Nordic waters on February 8. As the maritime court in Gdynia has been hearing, it was one of a series of ships designed in Poland but built in small river shipyards in Romania and intended for use in the quieter backwaters of the Mediterranean.

From the beginning the ships were blighted. When the designer and consultant engineers saw how the ships were being put together, they complained, they were ignored, and then resigned.

The steel plate supplied for the hull was flawed, containing too much carbon to earn a seaworthiness certificate, but was used anyway. The ships were commissioned, and the details were concealed from the crews.

When another engineer, whose complaints had also been rejected, sent a steel sample for examination to Szczecin Polytechnic, he was sacked. The boats were seaworthy, and that was that.

But as the inquiry is revealing, to the amazement and fury of grieving relatives, that was only the beginning of the problems.

The Stomil rubber factory supplied inflatable life rafts, but with outdated and faulty rescue flares. The radio buoy, supposed to be released automatically when a ship is sinking and to transmit alarm signals, did not work.

Its batteries were flat. The girls in the dockside stores had refused to give the ship new batteries because the requisition sheet had not been filled in properly.

The radio officer, the only survivor, recalls that the vessel lurched suddenly to one side, followed by a loud explosion. The desperate crew could do little more than sing religious anthems.

Yet the inquiry shows that the ship had not been fit for navigation when it left Oslo and that another in the series, the Kudowa Zdroj, had sunk in similar conditions shortly before.

Three Polish ships were within a few miles of the vessel, but decided against rescuing their colleagues; or did so only half-heartedly.

Clearly some uncomfortable questions lurk under the surface of the case. Who overruled doubts about the seaworthiness of the Busko Zdroj? Why did the vessel have to sail at any cost? Why were critics sacked or treated so harshly?

Naming the guilty men is outside the scope of a maritime inquiry, but already there is speculation in Gdynia and Gdansk about who might have profited from the shoddy workmanship, and whose generosity with seaworthiness certificates is not matched by generosity with radio batteries.

Nimeiry moves

Cairo (Reuters) - Sudan's ousted leader, General Nimeiry, has left his exile home in Cairo for an undisclosed destination, Egyptian security officials confirmed.

Thai trawlers shanghai Bangladesh fishermen

Dhaka (Reuters) - About 140 Bangladeshi fishermen shanghaied by Thai trawler skippers returned home yesterday and said they had been treated like animals during a nightmare three weeks.

The fate of 210 other fishermen, including 110 who Bangladesh press reports said were thrown into the sea, remained unknown.

The fishermen who arrived yesterday confirmed reports of crewmen thrown overboard but said they did not know how many.

Bangladesh has said that 16 Thai trawlers headed home with Bangladeshis aboard instead of putting in to port in Bangladesh first to share their catch in a joint venture arrangement.

One of the shanghaied Bangladeshis, Mr Nazar Ahmed, said yesterday that when they reached a port in southern Thailand they were confined in one poorly-lit hall until they were rescued by government officials.

Another fisherman said they were treated like animals and all their appeals for better treatment were ignored. "They used to kick us like dogs when we complained," he said.

He said the Thais told them later that Bangladesh had seized some foreign trawlers with smuggled goods so the trawlers had to leave the area immediately.

As a result of the incident Bangladesh plans to station gunboats in the Bay of Bengal to monitor the activities of foreign trawlers.



President Rudolf Kirchschlager of Austria greeting a Buddhist monk in Peking during a 10-day visit. He meets the Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, today.

Backlash fear over Aboriginal land rights

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

The case for giving chunks of Australian territory back to the Aborigines was restated by the Federal Government yesterday - National Aboriginal Day.

Mr Clyde Holding, Aboriginal Affairs Minister, told the National Press Club in Canberra that a history of genocide and dispossession by white settlers caused the disadvantaged state of many Aborigines. He confirmed that the Government was committed to justice on land rights.

A blueprint for legislation on land rights adopted by the Cabinet last month would allow Aborigines to lay claim to national parks, vacant Crown land and former Aboriginal reserves. In a ceremony symbolic of this programme, the title to Ayers Rock, the world's largest monolithic rock and an Aboriginal holy place, is to be handed back next month.

There are, however, signs of a white backlash to the scheme, which could leave up to 25 per cent of Australia open to claims by 1 per cent of the population. There is bound to be bitter opposition from mining companies and, more importantly, from State Governments which now make their own land policies. Aborigines hold virtually no land in the most conservative states.

A confidential report commissioned by the Government and disclosed in the Australian newspaper last month found that less than one in five Australians supported land rights, an issue described as probably "the most divisive and potentially explosive this country has faced in the post-war period".

Aboriginal activists say the plan does not go far enough. It represents, they say, a watering-down of proposals which would have given them a veto on mineral exploitation.

Meanwhile, the Federal Government's main concern is to get the proposals through state administrations. Consultation, which Canberra says should be completed early next year, has started. If the states have not by then agreed to follow the Cabinet-approved model, the Government has said it will enforce national legislation.

South Africa in crisis

Torture almost standard treatment for political prisoners, report alleges

From Michael Horisby, Johannesburg

Torture, both physical and psychological, is practically standard treatment for South African political detainees and the courts provide little protection, a highly detailed study issued by the Institute of Criminology of Cape Town University has found.

It says that the whole system of detention in terms of the security laws should be abolished, although it adds that there are no grounds for optimism that the government will respond sympathetically.

"This legislation is particularly important to the government at this time. Given its refusal to negotiate with any organization which is not prepared to accept its prescribed agenda for reform," it declares.

The study, funded by the Ford Foundation, was conducted over a period of two and a half years by Dr Don Foster, a senior Cape Town University psychology lecturer, and Ms Diane Sandler, a former researcher with the Institute of Criminology. It is based on interviews with 176 former detainees.

They say that although the government in 1982 issued a clear statement forbidding torture, "the trial-within-a-trial to investigate allegations of physical and mental abuse of detainees who have allegedly made voluntary confessions" has become almost a characteristic feature of political trials.

"In this respect it is worth noting that South African courts have not provided much protection. Courts have seldom found in favour of detainees and do not seem to regard psychological coercion as sufficient grounds for ruling evidence from detainees as either invalid or inadmissible."

The report says that only 17 per cent of ex-detainees interviewed claimed no form of physical torture while they were being held.

Seventy-five per cent of them alleged they were beaten, which included punching, kicking, hitting, slapping and whipping. Twenty-five per cent said they were subjected to electric shocks, 18 per cent to strangulation and 14 per cent to suspension in various forms.

Whites made notably fewer claims of torture than blacks. Only 7 per cent of Africans and 17 per cent of Indians interviewed said they had not been physically abused compared to 69 per cent of whites.

Methods of psychological torture, the report says, include threats, verbal abuse and offers of rewards for information as well as misleading information about families and friends.

Others methods are what the report describes as "psychological terror tactics" such as sham executions or being forced to watch somebody else being tortured. Detainees are also forced to undress or hold humiliating physical postures, the report says.

In a covering statement to the report, Professor Dirk Van Zyl Smith, Director of the Institute of Criminology, says:

"The latest reform moves were also dismissed by the United Democratic Front, the loose coalition of anti-apartheid groups which the government holds mainly responsible for the unrest in black townships."

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Tutu believes citizenship move too little, too late

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

The black Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Desmond Tutu, yesterday dismissed this week's moves towards restoring South African citizenship to blacks and abolishing the pass laws as "too little and too late", and said they failed to address the real problem of political power.

What was being offered, he said, was piecemeal reform grudgingly given. Things that "would have been exciting and had tremendous impact a few months ago are damp squibs."

Bishop Tutu was speaking at a press conference after learning that meetings which were to have been held in Soweto, the black township near Johannesburg, this weekend by the South African chapter of the World Conference on Religion and Peace had been banned by the police.

"One must weep for this land... they are scared of people discussing peace", Bishop Tutu declared in reference to the "peace lecture" that he was to have delivered to the multi-national and multi-faith conference.

The government's reformist claims would not be taken seriously until it said "quite clearly, we intend to dismantle apartheid, we are lifting the state of emergency, we are releasing detainees and political prisoners, and we are going to sit down and talk with those who are acknowledged as leaders," he said.

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Vote on sanctions foiled

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

A Republican manoeuvre has temporarily prevented democratic efforts to vote on a Bill calling for sanctions against South Africa stronger than those imposed by President Reagan. After failing to get 60 votes to close a filibuster debate on South Africa three times this week, the Democrats tried again on Thursday.

But Senator Richard Lugar, Republican chairman of the foreign relations committee, had gone to the Legislative Clerk's desk and physically taken the Bill. Senate rules require Bills actually to be present in the chamber before voting can take place. Senator Lugar's action was rare but legal.

The Democrats now have to change their tactics and consider attaching the wording of the Bill as an amendment to another piece of legislation.

Due to the omission of several words, yesterday's report from Washington suggested that Republicans in the Senate were fighting to discredit President Reagan over sanctions. The report should have said: The argument over sanctions has taken on a sharply partisan tone as the Republican leadership fights off attempts by the Democrats to use the issue to discredit President Reagan and his administration's policies generally.

Police seize report on Punjab

From Richard Ford, Delhi

An Indian high court judge rejected an application yesterday for anticipatory bail from three civil rights activists who fear arrest on sedition charges after the seizure by the authorities of a controversial report on the Punjab.

Mr Justice G Luthra said in dismissing the plea by three of the five authors of *Report to the Nation: Oppression in the Punjab*, that there was no justification for anticipatory bail for such a serious offence as sedition.

Another author of the report, Mr N Panchohi, general secretary of the Citizens for Democracy civil rights group and Mr O Gupta, owner of the firm printing it, were granted bail yesterday after being in detention for two days. They claimed their arrests had been politically motivated.

Almost all the 2,000 copies of the booklet were seized by police in a pre-dawn raid at the binders in Delhi after it was declared objectionable in a notification in the *Delhi Gazette*. The police are understood to have identified 40 pages of it as "particularly objectionable material" and say the report tends to create hatred and spread disaffection.

The report claims to be the alternative view to the government White Paper on the Punjab issued operation Blue-star, in which the Indian Army entered the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple at Amritsar, to clear it of extremists and terrorists.

It details allegations of oppression by the police and army; claims the White Paper distorted facts and alleges that the anti-terrorist law were used to harass ordinary people.



Boris Becker, the 17 year-old Wimbledon tennis champion, with Chancellor Kohl and his wife Hannelore in Bonn yesterday at a garden reception for 600 young West Germans.

Duarte depressed and worried over kidnapping of his daughter

San Salvador (Reuters) - President Duarte has named a three-man commission, including his son, to assess any demands made by the kidnappers of his eldest daughter, government officials said yesterday.

They said the government had no new leads to the identities or hideout of the gunmen who abducted Señora Ines Duarte Durán, aged 35, and a companion as they were entering a university in the capital on Tuesday. One of her bodyguards was killed and another seriously wounded.

One government source described President Duarte as very depressed and worried over the abduction of his favourite child and said he had asked a group of friends and trusted officials to help him analyse the situation.

The Communications and Culture deputy Minister, Señor Roberto Viera said the commission comprised Señor Abraham Rodríguez, a lawyer and trusted adviser, the Defence Minister, General Carlos Eugenio Vices Casanova, and Señor Alejandro Duarte Durán, the president's son.

WASHINGTON A new report on human rights in El Salvador concludes that the situation remains "terrible" and includes what it calls violations of the laws of war. (Christopher Thomas writes)

Americas Watch, a human rights group, accused the government of President Duarte of aerial bombardments and ground operations that have killed, maimed and terrorised civilians in areas controlled by guerrilla forces. It says that the



The French Minister of Culture, M Jack Lang, congratulating Elizabeth Taylor yesterday after naming her Commander of Arts and Letters, France's highest award for excellence in the arts. She was an hour late for the ceremony.

The day French technology let Mitterrand down

From Diana Geddes, Paris

It was to be the first time that a head of state had attended the launch of an Ariane space rocket, and only the second time that a French President had visited the Mururoa nuclear test site - the last time being in 1966 when President De Gaulle attended a nuclear test. But it all went wrong for President Mitterrand.

The visits to the European Space Centre in French Guiana and to Mururoa were charged with much symbolic value and were intended to help raise President Mitterrand's prestige at home six months before a crucial general election for the Socialists.

They would raise France's image abroad, particularly in the South Pacific, in the wake of the scandal over the embarrassing ham-fisted blunders by France's secret agents in regard to the Greenpeace affair.

France prides itself on its technological prowess, and Mitterrand prides himself as being a modern technological President. Yet he had the humiliating experience of seeing two stars of French technology

- Concorde and Ariane - fail before his eyes and under the full glare of the publicity surrounding his trip. And Mitterrand is not one to see the amusing side of such events.

First, his departure from Paris on Thursday was delayed for two hours due to a technical fault in the electrical system controlling the brakes of the Concorde, which was to have flown him and his accompanying six ministers to French Guiana. Twice the supersonic jet taxied down the runway with Mitterrand on board, preparing for take-off, and twice it had to be recalled at the last moment.

Mitterrand and his retinue were finally transferred to another Concorde, only for that too to develop a technical hitch after its arrival in French Guiana, with the result that Mitterrand was delayed for yet another hour before being able to fly off to Mururoa, where he duly arrived safe and sound at 2 am.

In the meantime, he had witnessed the spectacular failure of the 15th launch of the Ariane

space rocket, which had to be destroyed together with its payload of two communications satellites 9 minutes and 52 seconds after take-off, bringing to an end a series of nine consecutive launch successes.

It was still not known last night whether Mitterrand would be attending a actual nuclear test while in Mururoa. Everyone here is now hoping that no such a test will be attempted...

The President is due to return to Paris this evening.

BAROTONGA: The crew of a protest vessel heading for the French nuclear test site in the South Pacific challenged President Mitterrand yesterday to take a swim when he arrives there to prove the waters are safe (Reuters reports).

The crew of the Alliance, in the Cook Islands capital of Rarotonga for supplies and repairs after a 30-day voyage from Auckland, said they also want Mitterrand to eat fish caught at the Mururoa atoll test site to prove French statements that the lagoon's environment is safe.

Ariane's timetable still on schedule

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Although the failure of the 15th launch of Ariane will knock the confidence of its designers, the European launch vehicle is proceeding to timetable with fewer slipshaws than the alternative for placing satellites into orbit - the space shuttle.

A recovery of confidence will depend on the speed with which the exact cause of the fault is diagnosed. There is an order book of satellites to be launched for Europe customers and 10 for other countries and international agencies.

The decision to push the rocket launch site to the safety officer at a rocket launch site is an unusual occurrence. Faulty

rocket are usually far enough from the pad and travelling over the ocean to be left to disintegrate in their own fashion.

But there are stringent safety regulations, and they include a risk assessment stating that if there is risk exceeding 1 in 10 million to the safety of people or property then the mission should be aborted.

The site safety officer has a continual stream of data about the status of the launch vehicle during preparations for flight and of the trajectory of the vehicle from lift-off, until it reaches an altitude that is

considered to represent the end of the safety mission.

An order for destruction is taken if the rocket deviates from its trajectory, or is likely to deviate dangerously. As rocket stages are jettisoned deliberately, when they fall back onto the ground or into the sea they must incur hazards to people or property, exceeding the one in 10,000,000 risk estimate.

On impact, the stages must not constitute obstacles to navigation, nor contain hazardous products. If evacuation of planned areas for fall-back has not been completed, the launch is postponed.

Subtle Karpov outwits Kasparov to level score

By Raymond Keene

World chess challenger Gary Kasparov resigned yesterday on the 63rd move of the fourth game of the world chess championship against Anatoli Karpov.

At the adjournment on Thursday evening, Karpov already held a significant advantage.

In the second session of play yesterday Karpov succeeded in introducing his rook into the offensive as well by virtue of some wonderfully subtle manoeuvres. After white's 63rd move, Karpov's pieces dominated the entire board.

This was a marvellous game by the champion, marked by a deep and restrained strategy which culminated in an overwhelming onslaught. The score is now one win each with two draws.

Fourth game

White Karpov, Black Kasparov

Queen's Gambit Declined

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 N-QB3	N-K3	4 N-B3	N-KB3
5 P-K3	P-Q3	6 B-N2	B-N2
7 P-K3	P-Q3	8 B-N2	B-N2
9 P-Q4	P-Q4	10 P-Q4	P-Q4
11 P-Q4	P-Q4	12 P-Q4	P-Q4
13 P-Q4	P-Q4	14 P-Q4	P-Q4
15 P-Q4	P-Q4	16 P-Q4	P-Q4
17 P-Q4	P-Q4	18 P-Q4	P-Q4
19 P-Q4	P-Q4	20 P-Q4	P-Q4
21 P-Q4	P-Q4	22 P-Q4	P-Q4
23 P-Q4	P-Q4	24 P-Q4	P-Q4
25 P-Q4	P-Q4	26 P-Q4	P-Q4
27 P-Q4	P-Q4	28 P-Q4	P-Q4
29 P-Q4	P-Q4	30 P-Q4	P-Q4
31 P-Q4	P-Q4	32 P-Q4	P-Q4
33 P-Q4	P-Q4	34 P-Q4	P-Q4
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Bulawayo whites suspected of plot

From Jan Raath, Harare

Four white former Rhodesian Government officials under arrest here have been told that they are suspected of initiating a plot to separate the western provinces of Matabeleland from the rest of the country.

Mr Trevor Hemans, aged 56, Mr Michael Jacobs, aged 64, Mr Patrick Higgins, aged 49, and Mr Anthony Hunt, aged 48, were held in the most recent wave of arrests in Bulawayo.

A white former mayor, the present mayor and the other 14 black city councillors of Bulawayo, have also been arrested in a series of actions against the opposition Zup party of Mr Joshua Nkomo. Some of the councillors have been freed, but four Zup PMs are still in detention.

Religious workers and lawyers in Bulawayo believe hundreds of ordinary residents of the city may also be in custody with little hope of legal assistance.

Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Home Affairs, was in Bulawayo yesterday, and sources said senior officials of the ruling Zanu (PF) party of Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, were due to plead for the four whites with the minister. By late yesterday, however, it could not be established if the proposed meeting had taken place.

Mr David Coltart, attorney for Mr Jacobs and Mr Hunt, said yesterday that he had been allowed by police to see his clients, as had attorneys representing the other two men.

The men had been served with 30-day detention orders to which, Mr Coltart confirmed, there is no valid legal challenge. The orders said the men were "strongly suspected of being the initiators" of a scheme for Matabeleland, the power base of Zup to secede from the rest of the country. The orders

curiously referred to Matabeleland as "the republic of Mtwakazi", the pre-colonial name for the province.

The four were suspected equally strongly of supporting guerrillas in Matabeleland, who profess loyalty to Zup, the orders said.

Ministers have frequently accused whites in Matabeleland of plotting with Zup against the state, but the detention orders are the first action in line with that thinking.

All four served as district commissioners in the Rhodesian Government's Ministry of Internal Affairs, the unpopular arm of the Government then, which was responsible for what was once referred to as "native affairs".

All were fluent speakers of Ndebele, the tongue of the people of Matabeleland, and fully conversant with Ndebele customs and traditions. It is also likely they were keenly sympathetic to the plight of the Ndebeles, caught between the brutality of guerrillas and, frequently, of security forces on anti-guerrilla campaigns.

Relatives and friends of the four described them as upright and law-abiding with no political connections, with the exception of Mr Jacobs, who was said to have campaigned for the organization opposing the party of Mr Ian Smith, the former Prime Minister, during elections in late June for the 20 seats reserved for whites in Parliament.

The moves have disturbed the already-nervous white population of Bulawayo. The arrests were reported to have been carried out by the Police Internal Security Intelligence, a little-known branch of the police which operates with considerable independence.

Mubarak and Husain to meet Reagan

Washington. President Reagan will hold separate talks with President Mubarak of Egypt and King Husain of Jordan at the White House on September 23 and 30 respectively. It was announced here yesterday (Moshin Ali writes).

Diplomatic observers expected the meetings to cover prospects for the Middle East peace process, and US arms sales and economic assistance to Jordan and Egypt and other bilateral matters.

200 hit by gas leak in India

Delhi (Reuters) - Up to 200 people were taken to hospital with breathlessness and watering eyes after inhaling poisonous chemical fumes in the south Indian city of Cochin.

The Press Trust of India said at least 125 people, including 50 children, were overcome by gas when a liquid used to manufacture insecticides spilled from drums carried by two lorries.

American Nazis go on trial

Seattle (Reuters) - Eleven avowed neo-Nazis charged with plotting to overthrow the US Government through a series of robberies, counterfeiting and two murders, including that of the Denver radio broadcaster Alan Berg, went on trial here.

The court was told that the white supremacist members of The Order wanted to build a racistryan community. Ten of 23 people indicted by a grand jury have admitted racketeering. Another is a fugitive, one is being held on a murder charge and the 11 on trial are charged with racketeering and conspiracy.

Spy jailed

Berlin (AP) - An East German court sentenced Peter Flath, a West German, to eight years' imprisonment for espionage. It was the first such reported case since Hans-Joachim Tiedge, West Germany's counter-espionage chief, defected to East Berlin.

Yangtze tragedy

Peking (AP) - Yao Maoshu, a photographer aged 32, was feared drowned yesterday after attempting to shoot the rapids of the Yangtze by raft. He had covered 682 miles of China's longest river.

Atrocity probe

Lima (Reuters) - Peru has ordered an inquiry into an alleged massacre of 69 villagers by troops engaged in a war with Maoist guerrillas in the Andes. A senator claimed some women were raped in front of their mothers before being shot.

Athens blasts

Athens - The "Christos Katsimnis group" named after a leftist gunman killed in a battle with police, said it planted two bombs that damaged an American bank and cars belonging to a US serviceman and his wife here.

Blast escape

Bogotá (Reuters) - The Ecuadorian Foreign Minister, Señor Edgar Teran Teran narrowly escaped a bomb attack in the Colombian capital when police defused a large device outside his country's embassy minutes before he was due to arrive.

Wine warning

Stuttgart - A million bottles of Austrian wine laced with anti-freeze are to be turned into industrial alcohol here. In Munich, a warning was issued over sulphuric acid found in Chianti.

Cereal record

Rome (Reuters) - The world output of rice, wheat and coarse grains will reach a record 1,836 million tonnes in 1985, 34 million tonnes higher than last year, the Food and Agriculture Organization said.

Freedom refused

Frankfurt (AP) - A court here ruled out parole for Joseph Erber, aged 88, a former SS sergeant sentenced to life imprisonment in 1966 for the murder of 70 Auschwitz inmates.

Face to face

M. Jacques Chirac, leader of the Gaullist RPR party, has accepted an invitation from France's Prime Minister, M. Laurent Fabius, for a face-to-face debate on television to be shown on October 27.

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THE ARTS

Radio
Position of influence

One of the questions I always want to ask those who recommend the abolition of the family is how they propose to carry it out. In the nature of things most of us have families somewhere - mothers, fathers, grandparents. And, though not obligatory, aunts and uncles, siblings and cousins are so common as to occasion no surprise. Certainly some people do grow up with no known family - in homes or institutions: the lack may haunt them all their days. And even then genetic elements remain.

But I am being a bit simplistic: what you critic of the family seems above all to deplore is that children should be subjected willy-nilly to its conditioning which, in this view, appears invariably to be taken as malign. And behind the view it is not hard to detect a belief which holds that, by removing children from family care, it will be possible to prevent conditioning altogether and allow the true self to emerge. But to be conditioned is the human norm, a process for which the human mind is designed and even an essential mechanism of survival. And, for sure, if you do not pick up a conditioning from one thing, you will do so from another.

One interesting question then is: what do we acquire from families and how? It looks as if this will be a major preoccupation of *The Family* (Radio 4, Tuesdays, repeating Thursdays, producer Sally Thompson). The new six-part series has made a very promising start with Dr John Dare, a psychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital, introducing a variety of contributors and strands which, if they are pursued, should do something to increase our understanding of ourselves and how we are formed, particularly if Dr Dare can manage to bring out into the open the unconscious process by which we come by our beliefs.

It is not only at the level of family or individual relationships that our grasp of what happens is often quite inadequate. According to Professor Elic Kedourie of the London School of Economics, talking in *The Facts of History* to Michael Charlton (Radio 3, Friday, producer Louise Purslow), the

present anarchy in the Middle East springs at least in part from a complete misreading of local relationships by the interested European powers in the early years of this century.

In effect we seem to have assumed that, because nationalism had been and still was a major force among the clearly defined nation-states of Europe, so must it be among the Arabs. Thus the Palestinian revolt against the British Mandate was interpreted as representing widespread nationalism, whereas in fact it was a much more parochial phenomenon. Out of such a misreading artificial states like Lebanon and Iraq were created and now threaten to disintegrate. In Professor Kedourie's view, then, Arab nationalism was invented by Europe and simply misleads us in our efforts to grasp the true relationships between the peoples of the Middle East.

I must offer a particularly warm welcome to the return of *Delve Special* (Radio 4, Fridays, repeating Saturdays, producer Paul Mayhew-Archer). When it first appeared last August I thought of David Lander's swipe at radio investigative journalism as well-aimed, very funny, but likely to be short-lived. Surely once you have done a four-part blockbuster on the sitting of London's third airport twenty miles north of Birmingham, and have put a number of banana skins under *Checkpoint* in the process, that is it. You have exhausted a rich but limited seam. Not at all. The second series which takes a different "case" each week has begun at just as high a level of invention as the first and may well have established the spoof investigation as a form.

I know what vein of comedy Ken Whitmore was working with *Dithering Heights* (Radio 4, Saturdays, repeating Mondays, director Alfred Bradley). It was the Aldwych Farce complete with mistaken identities, everybody in the wrong place at the right time, the right place at the wrong time (for both) and the obligatory loss of trousers. In sound alone such things have a hard job surviving and this tale of a struggling impresario who sets up an authentic Brontë experience for tourists was no exception.

David Wade

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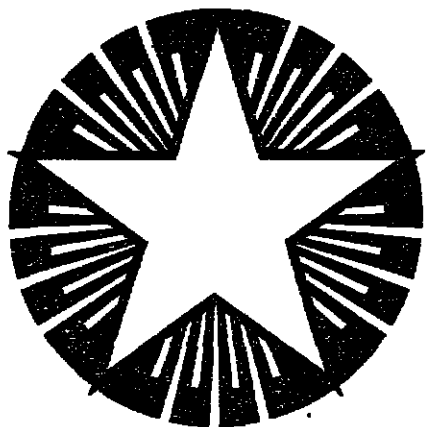
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A three-week season of cinema and television films devoted to Tony Hancock starts at the NFT this weekend. Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, who wrote the scripts for Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock, speak to Lynne Truss

The creators of distinctive comic dialogue

"This is absolutely true", says Alan Simpson. "In the old Hancock days the pubs and the streets would be empty on Friday nights while the show was on. And when it was finished the pubs would be full of people talking about it."

Hancock's Half-Hour, in radio and the television form, ran from 1954 to 1961, and was one of the most successful and memorable series ever produced in Britain. Tony Hancock, "the lad himself" with the lugubrious face and brilliant timing, has become a showbusiness legend; while the character he played - Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock, with his hauteur, belligerence, intellectual pretensions and awesome gullibility - is widely regarded as a comic creation of the highest order.

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson were the writers whose youthful faces appeared with the credits at the end of each television show. Now in their fifties, and no longer writing together, they are gratified at the signs of a renewed interest in Hancock, as it means the acknowledgement of a crucial period in their own writing career. From contributing radio material for him in 1952 (when they were both a mere 22 years old) they went on to write everything he did for the next nine years. They took him through the many radio shows (latterly with the team of Hattie Jacques, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Sid James in support), through the six television series played opposite Sid James, to the final great series (*The Bed Sitter*, *The Blood Donor*, *The Lift* and so on) when he broke away from Sid and Railway Cuttings to go solo in Earls Court.

One hundred and sixty shows in all

comprised a huge achievement, and one that the BBC has until recently sadly neglected. Although Radio 4 regularly repeats some of the radio works, the television shows have not been broadcast since 1969. Now, however, 18 of them are available on BBC video cassettes, and 13 of these can be seen over the next three weeks in a season of Hancock's programmes and films at the National Film Theatre.

Unusually, Hancock was equally at home on both radio and television. His audacious radio pauses found their visual equivalent in an enormous range of facial reactions. "His face was made for television close-up", says Ray Galton. But, because his main talent was for delivering dialogue (who can forget his way with lines like "It may be just a smear to you, mate, but it's life and death to some poor wretch"), the writers made a similarly easy transition to television, as they could continue to rely on verbal humour. "Eric Sykes used to say to us: 'Remember you're writing for television now. Make it more visual: have him move about.' But we still had as many words", Galton recalls. "In fact our television scripts used to go on to records with very little alteration."

Galton and Simpson were trusted to "get on with" the writing. "Hancock didn't contribute anything," says Simpson. "Throughout the entire nine years he never suggested a single story-line or a single gag." He would see the script only when it was complete and then delivered it word for word as written. He revelled in the lines they gave him. "I've seen him rolling on the floor", says Galton. "He would be reading through and come to a line like the

one in our *Twelve Angry Men* show - 'Does Magna Carta mean nothing to you? Did she die in vain?' - and he would double up. He couldn't wait to get at it." And, contrary to myth, they say he was a generous performer who did not begrudge the laughs given to his supporting cast.

This crucial trust in his writers was lost when Hancock started to worry about the need to become an "international" star. Galton and Simpson supported his decision to go into films, scripting *The Rebel* for him. But when they started work on ideas for a second film Hancock rejected their suggestions in favour of his own pet project, which was to become *The Punch and Judy Man* (1962). Their objection to this film (which, like *The Rebel*, is in the NFT season) was that Bournemouth on a wet Sunday was hardly the "international" subject he said he was looking for.

The project caused a split, and from that time they never wrote for him again, and indeed only met him a few times more before his suicide in Australia in 1968. On one of these occasions they came together to make a record of one of the television shows, and the writers were shocked by the deterioration in Hancock's talent. On a 30-minute script, his timing had slipped so badly that it overran by 10 minutes. When the association had ended, did Hancock linger like a phantom limb: did they find themselves still thinking of ideas for him? "By that time we were writing *Comedy Playhouse* and *Steptoe and Son*", says Simpson. "And Harold Steptoe was an extension of Hancock anyway. Any idea that would have been right for Hancock was right for Steptoe." The



Alan Simpson (left) and Ray Galton

survival of Hancock-style situations and dialogue in their work is something they consider inevitable. "We had a style of writing which Tony was obviously part of, because we developed it with him. But it was as much as it was him."

The Hancock revival is long overdue. Certainly Galton and Simpson have tried to keep the scripts alive, by selling them abroad (to great success in Scandinavia, it seems) and by attempting to remake the shows for

television using other actors. If the old shows go down well on television next year there may be an additional benefit, says Simpson. It might finally convince the BBC of the folly of destroying its old programmes, of the 63 Hancock shows only 37 have survived. "So much of our writing career was in programmes that have now ceased to exist. It never occurred to the BBC that in twenty years' time they might be of interest. So they just threw them away."

Rock
Brassy blasts of bonhomieRent Party
Half Moon, Putney

In this age of the home video, the personal stereo and walkie-talkie, there are fewer people with the time or inclination to patronize that traditional market-place of grassroots live music, the pub gig. But there is still some great entertainment on offer, as the small audience who attended Rent Party's performance will attest.

A young eight-piece band from Southend, Rent Party have scuffled round the pub

circuit since 1982. Their inspiration is the brassy, jump jazz/blues and rock 'n' roll of the Forties and Fifties, exemplified by the work of artists such as Bull Moose Jackson, Freddie Bell and the Belboys and Louis Jordan. As well as cover versions from this era, the group played a fair number of their own compositions.

A capable rhythm section provided the backdrop to a horn trio of exemplary precision and flair. The soloing of Laurence Parry on trumpet and John Willmott on tenor saxophone was excellent: brisk, exciting and engaging to watch.

David Sinclair

Concerts
Committed craftsmanshipBournemouth SO/
Knussen
Southampton Guildhall

On Thursday the Southampton International New Music Week reached its weighty centre with a concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in which, oddly enough, all three works quoted Wagner. The meetings with the old magician were, however, mighty different. Simon Bainbridge would seem to have passed him in the street and not noticed: as he explained before the concert, his *Fantasia for two orchestras* starts with a low E flat because that was what he heard, not because he wanted to refer to *Das Rheingold*. By contrast, Alexander Goehr seems to have come upon the *Tristan* prelude as he turned a corner in the first of his *Deux études*, and then he smiled openly and welcomed the visitor. Whereas Hans Werner Henze in his own *Tristan* for piano, orchestra and tape, keeps Wagner's opera always at the back of his mind, except when it rushes to the front.

The Bainbridge work, introduced by the BBC Symphony less than a year ago, had been slightly revised for this second performance, but seemed considerably shorter because, I suspect, its simple and satisfying shape now rivets the attention even more strongly. In a wider, more open acoustic than that of the Festival Hall, the spatial drama of the piece was more apparent, and again Bainbridge's skill in the handling of orchestral colour made a strong effect, this time under the composer's own direction.

Goehr's pair of movements, in giving more solo opportunities to the players, showed up the limitations of the Bournemouth SO rather more, despite the sound lead given by

Oliver Knussen. Also the zig-zag movement of the second piece was not too well realized: it seemed to keep stopping and starting. But the performance still gave much pleasure, and confirmed my belief that this is one of Goehr's most imaginative scores.

I suppose Henze's *Tristan* is also one of his wildest offerings, but it is at the same time one of his most vulgar. One may cringe slightly at the opening of the finale, with the strings vastly slowed down remembering the start of Wagner's third act and a little girl's voice on tape reciting Isolde's death scene. But Knussen conducted a forceful account, with properly languorous piano playing from Ian Brown.

Paul Griffiths

Swedish Radio
SO/Ehrling
Albert Hall/Radio 3

With every possible justification the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra chose to begin their second Promenade concert with a Swedish work new to British audiences but, I suspect, as familiar as, say, Elgar's First Symphony is to us: Wilhelm Stenhammar's Second Symphony, completed in 1915.

Stenhammar, I would guess, is not a composer of quite the rank of Sibelius or Nielsen, but all the same there is much in this particular work that is redolent of those two Scandinavian masters. The ideas are plain, even robust, and they are manipulated with a sure craftsmanship which is also evident in the orchestration. But the manner is often austere, for all the apparent activity. It is as if the composer's conscious

avoidance of anything hinting at Wagnerian influence has robbed his art of emotional content.

Until, that is, the last movement, where Stenhammar abruptly releases an idea charged with romantic fervour. Miraculously the whole jig-saw then comes together in a moment of Sibelian-like fulfilment. This, he says, is what I was aiming for all along; even though, unlike Sibelius, he tends to lose his threads on the way.

Sixten Ehrling conducted the orchestra in what was obviously a willingly committed performance. It is an accomplished orchestra too, with a violin section that plays with a bloom which stops short of saccharine richness, and woodwind players who, though they are a unified ensemble, seem to delight in emphasizing the differences of their timbres. And I can only approve of the timpanist's use of smaller, harder sticks than those to which we are accustomed: they produce a well-defined, truly percussive sound that restores something of the instrument's purely rhythmic role.

All of these qualities were heard to their most scintillating effect in four movements from Prokofiev's two *Romeo and Juliet* suites. But the players were also required to be on their mettle for Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto if they were to match the spontaneous inflections of Shura Cherkassky. Unsurprisingly not everything was perfectly timed, but Cherkassky, as usual, delivered the old warhorse with a panache that thrilled most of his audience, though he could not persuade me that I was hearing the work for the first time, as Pogorelich recently did.

Stephen Pettitt

Television
Supporting screen stereotypes

After the opening titles, *Murder of a Moderate Man* (BBC1), a thriller series, ceased to bid for the viewer's comprehension. The plot, complicated with difficulty from a series of allusions, concerns the progressive assassination of a group of Middle Eastern people who were, happily for the director, photographed together before the mystery killers started work.

The most powerful restraint on the dramatic flow of this British-Italian co-production is the fact that they key to the mystery evidently lies in the political situation in this unnamed desert kingdom, but the country itself is given a merely

notional profile. I suspect this flaw stems from an unconscious notion of European racial superiority: among the swarthy aliens the casting became more ethnic the smaller the role involved, while the leading foreigners are apparently played by British actors.

Denis Quilley has the thankless role of the maverick investigator assigned to the case by an unknown authority; Susan Fleetwood plays the half-Arab interpreter mysteriously appointed by the Italians. The Special Branch commander, in tweed hat and regional accent, seems to have strayed from a children's comedy programme.

No such nonsense slows up the action in *Dynasty* (BBC1), where the viewer always knows where the action is and who's who, though racial stereotypes throng the screen.

It is suggested that cowboy stories are popular because people like looking at horses. With a worldwide audience of hundreds of millions, the makers of *Dynasty* cannot afford to ignore the horse-factor, and skilfully weave equine strands into their story-lines: let us hope Joan Collins does not scare them when she rattles her jewellery.

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

The ryal McCoy

As football plunges ever deeper into financial gloom, so club administrators dream of a soccer-mad Arab who will wave his cheque-book and put things to rights. While most clubs dream, Formby, dihedron of the North West Counties League, acts. Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Toyan of Saudi Arabia has only to hear about the club's problems via the *Formby Times* to charge to its aid.

It happens that John Brierton, father of Formby's centre-half, Carl, works in Saudi Arabia and keeps in touch with home through the local paper. Recently it has been recording the club's financial problems, which are all connected with the fact that it does not have a lease on its ground. The sheikh got to hear of this, organized a charity match, a raffle and other fund-raising projects and sent off a cheque for £655.

Cold shoulders

The first public game of iceball took place at Southampton ice rink last weekend. The game is a cross between ice hockey and basketball, which sounds to me like an illicit vision. Players wear the body padding of ice hockey plus a helmet, and try to throw a ball through one of three rings at each end of the rink. The game was invented by Mecca, and it sounds a natural for its bouncers at the Lyceum.

All or nothing

Every bowler, no matter how dreadful, will have his day, so long as he goes on playing cricket long enough. But for most that day comes only once. Not for Lionel Jones, of the Surrey Cricket Club in Surrey, who is in his forties and the purveyor of friendly leg-spin. "Normally," said his captain, Dick Collingwood, candidly, "the opposition take 20 or 30 off him in his first couple of overs and I have to take him off." But when, recently he was put in to bowl against Hove Montefiore, he took all ten wickets. Sensation. The next week he went to play against the BBC at Molesey Park, opened the bowling, and did it again. Jones has bowled again since then, last Sunday, in fact. "He couldn't bowl to save his life," Collingwood said.

● Has the bourgeoisie of China gone the whole hog? The country's first full size golf course is being set up outside Peking, a joint venture with a Japanese firm.

Dutch courage

Tottenham Hotspur have won lots of kudos through their involvement with the sports psychology organization Sporting Bodymind. Indeed, their forward, Mark Falco, says that it was the psychologist John Syer who got him over his scoring block. Spurs have now decided to end the association, however. Undismayed, Syer is now planning the downfall of England: he is working with the Netherlands hockey team, who play England in a four-nation tournament in London next month. Unpatriotic? "England never asked me," said Syer.

Fork and knife

This column's award for masterly sporting understatement goes to the Arsenal and England forward Tony Woodcock, who writes of his colleague Alan Sunderland in his new book *Inside Soccer*. "The Christmas lunch ended badly. Sundry got stabbed."

● My request for ornithological experiences at cricket grounds has not gone unanswered. C. Drapkin writes to tell me of a sparrowhawk seen at Edgbaston - what is more, a sparrowhawk that plunged down to the sacred turf to carry off a sparrow in its talons in front of the sole two spectators watching the cricket from the press box end.

What a scrum

Rugby players over 70 will wear purple shorts, to let the opposition know they are not to be tackled. Yes, it's the Golden Oldies Rugby Festival, starting in London on September 29 and claimed to be the largest gathering of sportsmen for a single event ever held. Seven thousand people representing 180 teams are expected, among them 2,000 Australians. The drinks contractors are poised to pour a quarter of a million pints in the week. There will be two competitions, one for over-35s and another for over-40s. Altogether, 540 matches will be played, with 100 referees to control them. The event continues the battle for the sporting hearts and minds of England that is being waged by Australian lagers. Castlemaine are sponsoring two of the teams, while Swan are sponsoring one of the grounds and teams as well.

● The Butter Information Council has moved into sports sponsorship with a promotion of the English Butter Cup, a club netball tournament. It would have got better exposure from sponsoring the Australia slip cordon.

Turn of the wheel

The Studebaker Special Six racing car that made fame in 1924 by winning the Argentine Gran Premio has gone through another change in its long life. The car was rescued from a museum some time ago and put back on the road by an owner in Letchworth. But after going up for auction at Beaulieu last Saturday, the great monster failed to meet its reserve price of £40,000. It has now gone on exhibition in Kensington, at Coy's the Auctioneers, for three months.

Spy coup that weakens Gorbachov

by George Walden

New York The Reagan administration, never noted for its reticence, is having difficulty disguising its satisfaction at the defection of Oleg Gordievsky and the subsequent mass expulsion of Soviet officials from London. This gratification is on two levels. One is sheer surprise at the size of the fish that has been netted. Another is the feeling that this has helped to readjust the balance in favour of the West, after recent intelligence losses in Germany and the US. But more thoughtful Americans are already discerning a wider and more positive significance of the Gordievsky affair.

The first, instant reaction from the intelligence community and beyond is admiration for the professional competence of the British services involved in the defection. "We don't think comment by us would be helpful - it's really your business - but it seems to have been a real, neat job," is what US officials are saying off the record. Those professionally involved in the spy business know only too well how hard it can be to land someone of Gordievsky's weight - one slip and he's lost. The same people will be watching nervously to see what crawls out of the woodwork when prosecution of Soviet agents in Britain begins that this is

one in the eye for Gorbachov at a time when the Soviet leader's pre-summit image is becoming irritatingly inflated. His sophisticated performance in a long interview with *Time* magazine has made a big impression, strengthened by flattering remarks about his style and intellect made by a group of senators just back from Moscow. As one commented anonymously: "Anecdotes and one-liners are not going to carry the day with this man". Not unnaturally, official resentment of this Soviet boosterism was beginning to show. The Gordievsky defection, it is felt, will do something to bring Gorbachov's image down to earth, the new Soviet superman now has an ugly rent in his cape.

As the Reagan-Gorbachov summit approaches, experts and commentators here are unusually sensitive to any sign of weakness on either side. They are carefully measuring not only the military balance, but what the Russians themselves call the "overall correlation of forces" between East and West, as well as between the superpowers themselves.

Coming at this point, the Gordievsky episode is more than another spy story. Such a security failure reflects a continuing, profound malaise in the Soviet ruling class, which Gorbachov's very

ascent to power was supposed to stem. The mere fact that the Russians attach so much prestige to their intelligence and security services magnifies the impact of any setbacks.

By any standards, the Gordievsky case is a massive setback, and only the latest in a pattern of humbler defections from the KGB and the GRU (its military equivalent), most recently in Greece and India. It would be wrong to fall into the Soviet frame of mind and overestimate the real importance of such events. But they do carry a lesson which transcends the humdrum world of espionage.

In the US, for example, for those who tend to exaggerate the might of the Soviet colossus, it is a reminder that at least some part of its feet are made of clay.

Britain's handling of the episode should be another source of comfort for Washington. At a moment when we are suspected - however unreasonably - of a certain over-readiness to do "business with Gorbachov", of prematurely levelling off defence spending and of succumbing once more to the indefinable affliction of "Europe-fatigue", it will help to revive respect for Britain's determination to defend her own security. No doubt we shall continue to be accused or suspected of many vices in our behaviour

towards Moscow. But in the light of the Gordievsky expulsions, even the most extreme neo-conservatives would find it hard to make a charge of self-Finlandization stick.

Relations between states cannot be reduced to squabbles about spies. Yet as the Reagan-Gorbachov summit approaches, Britain's action demonstrates a central principle about dealings with Moscow which - it is to be hoped - will not be lost on Washington. In explaining the decision to the Soviet embassy, we appear to have stressed that we saw no contradiction between the legitimate defence of our security interests, and efforts to improve relations with Moscow. There are signs here that America too is beginning to learn once more that it is possible to do both.

To that extent, the running battle between "liberals" and "conservatives" is a false debate. The choice for America - or for the rest of us for that matter - is not between the roles of Rambo and Little Red Riding Hood. In its small way, it is perhaps the main message of *L'affaire Gordievsky*.

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The puritan Shakers (as in these 1870s prints) provided inspiration for John Fowles' latest and most political novel. He tells Peter Stothard what we have learnt, and lost, from their example



Message from a maggot

A *Maggot* will not be the winner of this year's Booker Prize for fiction. John Fowles was a Booker judge 14 years ago and the memories of "unspeakable events" behind the committee room doors has put him off entering for the prize ever since. He also believes that "well-off writers should enter" for the £15,000 award. He thinks that they should not collect their public lending right cash either. He would like to see a society that gave less reward to internationally bestselling authors like himself, and his new novel concludes with a grim warning of the threat to our world when success and excess become synonymous.

All of which may sound pretty pap and predictable. The British are not fond of the political novelist, particularly the rich one with a guilty conscience. Even Mr Jeffrey Archer, a politician first and a writer only in a rather restricted sense of that word, has had a dusty reception on his return to the political fray.

John Fowles has had some unfortunate brushes with politics in the past. After his first books, *The Collector* and *The Aesthete*, he was accused of being a crypto-fascist. When he reviewed *The Aesthete* he had to make clear that he was not advocating a crude separation of society into the best and the rest. Subsequently he has become somewhat reclusive, satisfied to be the most famous resident of the tiny seaside town of Lyme Regis in Dorset, the setting for *The French Lieutenant's Woman*.

This was the last personal of his books and the one which put him both into the super-league for American publishers and into the school syllabus for English children. *The Magus*, another massive best-seller set on an island of manufactured illusions, became a cult book for mystics.

The title of his latest work, *A Maggot*, is a conscious evocation of *The Magus* (pronounced by its author, if by few others, with a short 'a'). It contains all the familiar dopplegangers, sexual charades and mystery tours which go to make the literary form known to critics (whom Fowles attracts like flies) as "magical realism". But the setting of *A Maggot* is no romantic Greek isle. It is the much harsher world of 18th-century England, whose hangings and transportations are documented in pages of contemporary newspaper cuttings interleaved between the chapters.

The magician of the book is an unnamed aristocrat, scientist and subversive. He turns a high-class whore (her bedroom act is to



Fowles: 'Dissent is northern Europe's greatest gift to the world'

pretend to be a modest quaker maid) into a protestant extremist who makes ordinary quakers look papist. The magical lord puts on an extraordinary show in a west country cave and disappears. His deaf-mute alter ego fathers upon the whole a daughter whom Fowles gives the name of Ann Lee, a real historical figure who founded the sect known as the Shakers and who believed that she was the risen Christ.

The book's many-layered and faceted plot is unfolded through an almost documentary series of judicial interrogations. It is as though the characters in a Dennis Wheatley novel were to come one by one before Lord Goddard. To turn the critics' phrase, *A Maggot* is real magic, not magical realism. Through the shifting visions of celestial insects and sublime prophetic emerges a set of characters with almost no sense of their individual selves.

The book is a commentary on how our sense of self was first unlocked and the role in that process of dissent that is important and which seems to me to be developed today by the uniforming effects of television and the type of messages that can be communicated by Madison Avenue techniques.

Fowles is no admirer of the modern Labour Party and its continued domination by organized labour - the rule of the mob which

justifiably frightened the landowners of 18th-century England and which still frightens conservatives today. He is also sceptical, however, of Tory commitment to change. "They seem completely unable to articulate a message. As far as the Cabinet is concerned it is almost as if Mrs Thatcher had castigated them."

"Politicians as a whole," he argues, "have lost their powers to touch the unconscious. So too have our religious leaders. What the novel can still do is to reveal the greater truth behind the surface of something in which you are not asking people to believe."

So how should this power be used? To prick at the pretensions of all establishments, he replies. "Religious dissent was the only way in which the protesters that formed the Shaker movement could express themselves at all. They were brave. They struck off their bonds and were persecuted for it. That is not to say, of course, that religious extremism is a permanently good thing. It becomes its own confining establishment. It is the process of dissent that is important and which seems to me to be developed today by the uniforming effects of television and the type of messages that can be communicated by Madison Avenue techniques."

Those Madison Avenue techniques are indeed particularly well used by the heirs to the Shaker tradition today. The original Shakers

went to America after British persecution became too intolerable. Although the founders are perhaps best remembered now for their aggressively plain and well-crafted furniture, their puritan fanaticism has left its mark too.

Fowles discovered their legacy when he was promoting his last major novel, *Daniel Martin*, in the eastern USA in 1977. He admits that if he had actually met Ann Lee he would not have much liked her. He accepts that idealistic extremists can become not only establishments but tyrannies too. In the novel he pointedly describes a Shaker leader who stands guard outside the interrogation room, as staring like Robespierre.

Yet Fowles feels affection for the Shakers, for their communality, their courage, not to mention their creativity. They are credited with the first circular saws and early mechanical aids for the garden as well as their sylph chairs.

John Fowles is a keen gardener and biologist himself. In Lyme he grows rare Chinese viburnums and obscure varieties of bamboo. He is curator of the local museum and fiercely protects the rights of amateur fossil collectors against the exclusive demands of the professional.

"The study of plants - and fossils - shows us that of all mutant prospects only one in a billion survives," he said. "But that survival is important to continuing life. It is the same with movements of dissent. Most fail - but it is important to understand why they do not keep coming."

Like most artists, John Fowles is easily described as an individualist. He has been happy to be called that in the past. Indeed, for a man whose work is pored over by thesis writers in search of his narratological "signs" and "mythicous semioticities" (to take just two recent examples) the charge of being a simple individualist must be a comparatively bearable one. And yet the seeds of individual identity which the characters of *A Maggot* have to cleave from the imprisoning clay strata of 18th century England have since developed, according to Fowles, into dangerous growths of materialism and class.

Those who write (unlike those who do) have the luxury of being against all establishments. Now that in Mrs Thatcher's Britain it is fashionable to call oneself an individualist, John Fowles looks especially askance at that title. *A Maggot* is a powerful warning. It may be an influential one too.

A Maggot is published by Jonathan Cape on Thursday, price £9.95.

far, far better than the rest of us. I can see that in the heat of their intellectual trail-blazing they grab the putty language and twist it to suit their urgent needs. I nevertheless think that they should stand back occasionally, and consider what they are trying to say in terms intelligible to "readers of the Sun".

Here are a couple of examples of Sociologese that I have run across recently, and reckon I could rewrite in plain English.

"A participative political structure provides the mechanism for response to a conflict-generating event and should result in greater participation in the controversy." Define for me, pray, for starters, in what way a conflict-generating event differs from a boring old conflict.

"It is suggested that the specificity of goals characteristic of formal organizations serves to negate individual action-alternatives." Are these sentences saying anything? Or are they instances of verbal auto-intoxication resulting from the rapture of the depths of obscurity? For the former, I reckon they should employ me as a rewrite man.

Woodrow Wyatt

Why I would bet on the Tories

Opinion polls are notoriously unreliable as guides to current opinion, let alone as indicating the result of a distant general election. Even so, the Marplan poll in Thursday's *Guardian* should give more comfort to Mrs Thatcher than to her opponents.

It would be generally agreed that if Labour were to have a strong chance of defeating the Conservatives they should now be far more than four points ahead. Nor does it look promising for Labour that they should be one point behind the Alliance. Doubtless, as Alliance leaders concede, much of their 35 per cent showing will evaporate, but that is more likely to favour the Conservatives than Labour.

The Alliance has difficulties in maintaining its support. It is ostensibly aiming to form a government. But who would be in it? David Steel is a jolly fellow on the box but few would be happy about someone so inexperienced and lightweight being prime minister. David Owen could make a fist of it, but as the Liberals and the SDP have agreed that the prime minister would come from whichever party has the most seats, this does not seem to be on the cards now being played.

I would be happy with Roy Jenkins as Chancellor of the Exchequer. I assume that he would at once drop the absurd and unworkable anti-inflation tax designed to curb wage increases, which it never could. Apart from that he is apparently committed to an extra spending of public money which the SDP honourably admits would raise inflation to 7.5 per cent, and if it admits that you can add 50 per cent or double it.

Stafford Cripps apart, Jenkins was the best postwar chancellor, and that very fact might prevent him from taking on the job again. When you have been very successful once why risk the old treadmill a second time with a high chance of blemishing your record?

Some 100 government posts must be filled. Most of a new intake of Liberal MPs would be cranks. SDP new boys would be inexperienced. There is Bill Rodgers, genuinely competent, and the engaging Shirley Williams, who could fill a senior Cabinet post if it were not Secretary for Education, in which role she would doubtless seek to finish the destruction she began under Labour, of the best in British education. That prospect would hardly appeal to the middle-class Alliance government on its own would strike most of the electorate as a joke, however much it was bolstered by imports of important figures from business and other sectors of the real world.

Jenkins has just perceptibly observed that "the country will not want a sub-Thatcherite alternative". His leader must be presumed to

disagree as the SDP guns are being trained on those who previously voted Conservative.

This will prove electoral folly. If the SDP has any meaning it is as the supplanter of the Labour party as the moderate left-wing alternative to the Conservatives. If instead, it is the Conservatives, it is the Conservatives as trying to ditch the Conservatives, that will quickly give rise to a potent claim that it is merely trying to split the right-hand vote and let Labour in. This should rally previous Tory voters, who see Kinnock as under the domination of Scargill and the TUC, as akin to the devil, back to their old allegiance in droves.

In addition, Alliance policy is neither clear nor understood. Unless it becomes so its support will falter, and if it becomes so its support will falter further when the middle classes they are supplanting realize that it intends a substantial redistribution of wealth: the code phrase for bawling taxes on those earning £15,000 a year upwards.

Kinnock's difficulties are manifest. He is burdened with an old-fashioned nuclear disarmament policy which would destroy the alliance with the US and Nato. He is going cautiously on re-nationalization, but if he does not intend to dismantle Mrs Thatcher's privatization, why should even ardent socialists be enthusiastic about voting for him?

Likewise he is treading delicately about the new union laws so popular among rank and file union members. If he leaves them alone it will be asked why Labour did not enact them when it had the chance. If he rescinds them he will lose votes. And however neat his footwork, he will find it impossible to dislodge from the country's mind the idea that a Labour government's economic policy would again be controlled by the TUC. That was one of the principal reasons Labour was thrown out in 1979.

I do not expect Kinnock to have as bad a Labour conference as many suppose. If it adopts the Scargill resolution demanding absolute forgiveness for miners convicted or dismissed for the return of money lost by the NUM through its illegal action during the strike he could proclaim, with credibility, that if he were prime minister he would do no such thing. That would create the illusion that he is not so much under the thumb of union leaders as his critics say.

An unruly party conference which Kinnock dared not enhance rather than diminish his reputation unless crazy resolutions were passed by a sufficient majority to ensure inclusion in the election manifesto, as Labour's constitution demands.

If the Tote was allowed to take bets on politics, at this stage I would recommend the following odds. Tories 1-2 on, Labour 4-1, Alliance 8-1, a hung parliament 20-1.

Philip Norman

Downtown things are looking up

New York

The first artist's loft I rented in New York was a grimy industrial space above a cobbled rat-run for Tropicana orange juice trucks to and from the Holland Tunnel. This time, I have been far luckier. Bob and Eve's loft is light, clean, airy and hung with just enough of their respective paintings and photography. From a purely status angle, it does have one disadvantage. It is on The Bowery.

Directly across the street is the Fulton Hotel, "for transients", where luckier down-and-outs can spend the day, feet propped along the serried windowledges. "It's a dollar a night," Eve said.

"No - it's more now," Bob said. "It went up to a dollar and a quarter."

"We once saw someone try to commit suicide from the roof," Eve said. "This man was standing on the top ledge there, swaying to and fro. The police brought enormous inflatable cushions to break his fall. People crowded round, and I saw the man on the ledge, but to watch the police bouncing around on these pillows."

"...and there'll probably be a fire," Bob continued.

"Expect a fire at least once a month," Eve concurred. "There was one recently in the hardware store right below us. I went to the owner's wife and said 'I'm sorry to hear you had a fire.' 'Oh, never mind that,' she said. 'I guess she couldn't have been that unhappy about it.' Eve added with a giggle and a wink.

Even Skid Row is getting gentrified, its human foetus squeezed into ever smaller pockets by the encroaching, unstoppable industry of Chinatown. On the corner where a man lies all day like a corpse, Chinese and Italians use the same bank, with multilingual cash dispenser, to pay in their wealth from the restaurant and garment trades. Further along is a lighting showroom, currently throwing reject stock out on the pavement.

"People come from uptown in BMWs and Audis, just to grab the stuff," Bob said. "Rich people picking over garbage on The Bowery."

Americans are far better than we at making sub-tenants feel instantly at home. While I am here, I have free run of Eve's art books, Bob's electric guitar, their drop-handled bike (for getting to Farmer's Market at Union Square on Sunday), their Thermos mugs, sunglasses and umbrellas. Bob has thoughtfully left me a small transparent packet of what I take to be herbal tobacco. There is also a South American hammock that one can stretch right

across the main room. "Shall I tell you how to get really cool?" Eve said. "Bring the big fan up close and lie in the hammock with a tray of ice cubes on your stomach."

"You may see the occasional roach," Bob said. "Or the occasional mouse." He made it sound no worse than an occasional table.

One block north is Grand Street, beginning as Chinatown then melting into the pastry and espresso scent of Little Italy. My local shops are Di Palo, the world's best for cheese, Alleva for smoked mozzarella and prosciutto rolls, and Piernote, for home-made pasta shells. I can walk to Umberto's Clam House, a no-hopie place until well-known Mafia boss was shot there, since when it has had queues every night.

To the south are Canal Street's flea markets, Chinatown proper (where the police "Jade Squad" are out in force after a spate of Tong killings), not to mention wacky Tribeca haunts like Area, a disco club where decor changes completely every month.

I shall, of course, exercise constant vigilance, always look where I'm going, carry a ritual \$20 in my wallet for muggers and come in through the street door at night with the dispatch of an SAS man. I shall also, in this ultimate city, paradoxically become a beach-comber, wear little but shorts and T-shirts from the Canal Jean Company, jog without attracting ridicule, and eat hot dogs and ice cream outdoors as if I were on the prom at Shanklin.

Two flights up, a vertical iron ladder leads to the roof. You can see right up to the Empire State: across to the World Trade Center in one direction and Confucius Plaza, the massive Chinese tower block, in the other. You can see turrets and cupolas of wonderful New York Victorian follies, and the frontier-looking black water towers that seem to be expecting Apache attacks from the sky. Eve has made a garden, with morning glory and sunflowers nodding in the sweltered breeze of laundering and noodle-cooking from the street below.

Bob and Eve have left helpful tips about where to buy "French heroes" - French bread sandwiches - how to find the Chinese store that sells every known variety of beer, and which subway line to take to Far Rockaway. "Great beach. Empty Big waves. You'll need number 1 suntan lotion." And one quip unlooked-for Bowery bonus: "Mi on rooftop for your Pimm's".

Further reports from The Bow will follow.

Izing on the cake

New words for old, by Philip Howard

to me, which I think bear watching. They have been collected over the last few years from academic papers, seminars, and more general sources. Some of them serve good purposes, but are nevertheless plain ugly. Others arise from the manic desire to "ize" any nouns found loitering. Some are the products of disturbed minds. It is interesting to note that a lot of "izing" occurs in linguistics and phonetics. It is a disgrace and a tragedy that academic specialities dealing with the English language have become so inaccessible to its owners.

Concize (to give a concert Canadian); co-ordinate (to impose a co-ordinate system); Multiculturalism Minister (Canadian); procedurized/procedureing; lexicalize; bourgeoisieification; discretize; Christianize; diphthongically; pharyngealization; intervocally; hypothesization; fuzzification (from

fuzzy logic); trainability; intercomprehensibility; creolization; glottalization; labialization; velarization; dealphabetize; alphabetize; binarization; calculatable; decontextualize; pidginization; associationism; dichotomize; rhotacization; psychologism; maximalistically; minimalistically; particularization; grammaticalize; jargonize (!); communilogize; parallelization; prioritized; fricativized; systematicity; historicist; routinized; euthing (performing euthanasia); objectivation; computerization; telegraphic; summatizing; electronic; casualize; Godelization; chaology (the mathematical study of chaos); complexification; pressurization; spontain (verb: a favourite of Jonathan Miller); diagrammed; mechanizability; collocationally.

(That's enough daft words - Ed.) I am on the side of academics. I think that on the whole what they do is a



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GORDIEVSKY'S HARD ROAD

Somewhere in Britain, Mr Oleg Gordievsky is facing a life of exile, cut off from country, relations and friends. Even now in other Soviet embassies there are probably further privileged agents of the USSR following his example. Why do they risk death and disgrace to betray everything which they once publicly defended as official representatives of their state?

The precise details of Mr Gordievsky's defection are unlikely to emerge very quickly. Yet whether it was the Danish, British or some other Nato intelligence organization which had the first contacts, those involved in running this highly-placed double agent, and finally bringing him safely in from the cold, deserve to be warmly congratulated. After all the scare stories about M15 vetting operations, or, even worse, M15 penetration by Soviet moles, to maintain an agent for years at the top of a hostile intelligence service is worthy of the highest accolade, since it suggests that not only did the relevant authorities know about KGB subversive acts, they skillfully avoided clumsy counteractions which could reveal their source.

What now? Much of the information gained from debriefing Gordievsky will relate to KGB methods and be of most concern to our intelligence services. But the public has a

right to know what areas and which individuals were the targets of Soviet "unacceptable activities", and what is being done to make potential victims aware of their danger. Having open contacts with Soviet officials cannot be illegal in a free society, but defectors have repeatedly stressed that meetings in semi-conspiratorial conditions can lead gently but surely to blackmail and compromise.

Moreover, Mr Gordievsky has a right to know that his years of terrible tension playing a triple role as diplomat, KGB controller, and agent of western intelligence services, have served the aims he intended. Had he merely wished to enjoy the fleshpots of the West he had more than enough to offer a decade ago to ensure a comfortable reception. To stay in position under such pressure demands a moral strength and total conviction that the cause he served was just; it requires the same courage shown by Colonel Oleg Penkovsky of Soviet military intelligence who for years supplied the West with information of crucial value during the Cuban crisis, but was discovered and condemned to death in 1963.

It is morally and intellectually wrong to dismiss this espionage war as a game played on both sides by equally reprehensible conspirators. Since the days of

the USSR's ideologically motivated agents of the Philby and MacLean class western defectors have been reduced to a few sorry cases such as Vassall, Prime, Bettany, or the West Germany's Tiedge. Soviet defectors are more numerous. Many have successfully escaped together with their wife and children. They do not see themselves as traitors, although many of them have volunteered their services.

The KGB clearly has a recruiting problem at home as well as abroad. They need intelligent, personable agents - but these are precisely the individuals capable of appreciating the advantages of life in the West over their own repressive, inefficient system. About half of all Soviet citizens are from nations brutally conquered by the Russian tsars, and owe no loyalty to Moscow, even patriotic Russians remember that the Bolsheviks seized power in a fiercely fought civil war and under Stalin deliberately murdered millions of their subjects. In opposing the present regime, these defectors are convinced that, far from betraying their country, they are risking their lives, as did the small but determined German opposition to Hitler, in the hope of eventually winning a better life for their compatriots. It is a hard road, but a worthy one.

AROUND THE RUGGED ROCKS

The North Atlantic, like the South Atlantic though in a more subdued way, has its trouble spots of disputed right. Since no human populations are involved, one spot being a rock in mid-ocean and the other a sea lane high in the Arctic circle, and since the rivals' interests inhere not in present utility but latent possibility, and since the interested parties are reasonably good neighbours, the disputes are not likely to erupt Falklands-fashion. Still they tuck away.

This week Canada defined anew the limits of its territorial sea in such a way as to formalize its contention that all the waters of the archipelago to the north of its continental land mass are internal Canadian waters, including the North West Passage linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans via Baffin Bay in the east and Beaufort Sea in the west. This move was in response to action by the United States in sending one of its coast guard ice-breakers through the passage, with notification but without permission of the Canadian government. It was Washington's way of demonstrating its contention that the North West Passage has the status of an international sea lane.

The Canadians wish to yield no point, even of navigation, concerning their inhospitable northern regions since there are oil and mineral reserves there to be got at, and the area is strategically sensitive. The Americans want to keep open all recognized shipping routes on principle, as any maritime nation should, though Canadians confess to be puzzled why they should want to establish such a usage round the north of their own continent which the Russians could then avail themselves of. Or is it that the submarine fleets of both superpowers already make free with the North West Passage covertly?

"Operation Rockall successfully completed," reported the commander of HMS Vidal to the First Sea Lord on September 23, 1955. "Well done," Lord Mountbatten signalled flatly in

reply. The point of this bloodless coup was to clear the flight-path of a missile firing range based in South Uist. No one had recoverable seabed riches in mind. The action passed unchallenged, as did the rock's incorporation into the county of Inverness by Act of Parliament in 1972. Two years later the United Kingdom designated 50,000 square miles to the west of the Outer Hebrides and extending far beyond Rockall as part of its continental shelf for purposes of exploitation.

The Republic of Ireland was the first to expostulate: Britain was up to its old tricks claiming as its own something which belonged by right to the Irish people. It proceeded to define its own slice of the continental shelf, which overlapped with the British claim in the Rockall area. The Danes also stepped in with the contention that the Rockall plateau is not part of the European continental shelf at all but a separate microcontinent of which the most conspicuous part is the Farø Islands, which would make the seabed rights Denmark's. Iceland too has a claim of uncertain basis.

Geologically the Rockall area looks a likely place for oil. Exploration licences are in currency there, though not for any blocks whose possession is disputed. The technology for tapping oil in those waters would have to be developed, and measured strikes, if any, are trade secrets. Meanwhile in another less publicized set of putting the delimitation of their overlapping claims out to arbitration. The more radical dispute with Denmark is being steered towards the Court of International Justice.

The United Nations convention on the law of the sea bears directly on both these matters, though it happens, for other reasons, that neither the United States nor the United Kingdom has signed the instrument. With or without those signatures the text is likely to become increasingly influential with international tribunals.

AN END TO 'FINAL' OFFERS

The reason why the government and the teachers' employers must stand firm was set out yesterday in one of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's long but immensely valuable lists, *Education Statistics 1985-86*. This simply compares spending county by county, borough by borough this year and last. What it shows, unmistakably, is that the "unit cost" of education is rising; more and more real resources are being spent on each pupil; the ratio of pupils to teachers becomes ever more favourable.

The reason is the shrinking number of secondary school age pupils. Pupil numbers fall, but the number of teachers falls at a much slower rate. Great issues of productivity and value for money are raised when educational standards appear unaffected by these increases in input. And no time has been more necessary for the managers of the educational system to establish clear lines between both the number and quality of teachers and the product of the schools. And that is why Sir Keith Joseph, with enthusiasm,

and the local education authorities, some reluctantly, must continue to insist that extra money, the kind of money needed to re-establish teaching as a worthwhile career, must depend on re-organizing teachers and teaching.

Sir Keith may be criticized for the timing of his interventions, but he cannot be faulted for the consistency with which he has put this point to both the teachers' unions and the local authorities. His offer is clear. There could have been extra money for 1985-86. The opportunity passed (the precipitate rejection last November of talks on pay and conditions by the National Union of Teachers should never be forgotten). Now he has secured the Cabinet's endorsement of a considerable addition to teachers' pay between 1986 and 1990, in return for a bargain on various qualitative aspects of the teacher's job.

The local authorities have stretched the point, trying to bring forward money from that settlement for 1985-86. They have stretched the strings that

must be attached to any above-the-odds payment. As of Thursday the teachers are being asked for very little indeed by way of promises of talks in exchange for extra money. In these circumstances the grumpy intransigence of Mr Jarvis of the NUT begins to look like mere foolishness, a refusal to see the bargain suspended before him.

Mr Jarvis, like all trade union leaders, will justify disruption and public inconvenience on the ground that such tactics alone will secure more money. In the welter of offers from the local authority employers, the teachers' unions' hard line has apparently provoked increases. Mrs Harrison, the employers' leader, seems to have made several "final" offers. The local authorities, first port of call for understandably confused and irate parents, yesterday went to Sir Keith with what amounted to a bid for more money unattached to new conditions of service or supervision duties or any of the necessary reforms in the teacher's job description. Sir Keith said no. And that is where the line must now be drawn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fallacies in President's case for SDI

From Mr Richard Wiggs

Sir, Dr George Keyworth (September 6) condemns the principle of mutual assured destruction, the "balance of terror" and "holding the world hostage to the possibility of 30-minute genocide". This must be applauded by many who deplore these things. But Dr Keyworth's attempt to establish that the Strategic Defence Initiative ("Star Wars") offers a route to their abandonment is less than convincing.

He says that "an effective defence system will eliminate any perception of the possibility of a successful first strike (and any temptation to make military plans along those lines) and thus immensely reduce the military value of maintaining great numbers of ballistic missiles".

Such consequences might conceivably be claimed from possession by both sides of defences able to prevent with 100 per cent effectiveness any form of nuclear attack. But no-one claims that such total effectiveness is attainable. If at present anyone has a "perception of the possibility of a successful first strike", this is a delusion; but the introduction of less-than-total, or unbalanced, defensive systems could make it appear more plausible, and so increase instability.

If one side had defences and the other had none (or had less effective systems) the "perception" of the danger of a first strike must be increased. Its most obvious counter must be to increase its potentialities for breaching the adversary's defences by proliferation of weapons - the opposite of the result postulated by Dr Keyworth.

This is the most likely consequence of the American effort for strategic defence, which the USSR is unlikely to be able to afford (even if it wished) to emulate. This consequence is likely if the American effort proceeds on a large scale, whether feasibility is eventually proved or not.

If the case for the SDI is as strong as its advocates claim, why do they so often use obviously fallacious arguments? Dr Keyworth, for example, compares the complexity of SD computer controlled systems with those of the US telephone network. These are somewhat different kettle of fish.

The telephone network has evolved, in continuous use, over

many years, with no ingenious adversary seeking ways of subverting it. Would Dr Keyworth want to base national survival upon systems of such complexity, but which could not be used or tested until some crucial but unpredictable moment when, perhaps after years of inactivity, they must work instantaneously and perfectly, and despite the efforts of such an adversary?

A further example is Dr Keyworth's reference to the "massive Soviet arms build-up in the 1970s". Is he unaware of the massive US build-ups in the 1970s, including the biggest nuclear build-up of all so far - the introduction of multiple independently-targetable warheads, quadrupling the number of US strategic warheads - to which the Soviets responded several years later?

Dr Keyworth says he favours negotiating numbers of nuclear weapons "down to very low levels". This could be done now if the political will existed. The SDI is not necessary for nor conducive to the achievement of this aim.

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD WIGGS,
Fairfield House,
Biggleswade,
Bedfordshire,
September 11.

From Mr Tony Greenfield

Sir, Do the President and people of the USA share the view of the President's scientific adviser, G. A. Keyworth II (September 6)? "A posture of mutual defence and the resultant reduction of the threat of offensive weapons is morally superior to a long-term posture of mutual vulnerability and the balance of terror it ensures."

He claims to write as a "citizen of the earth" and not just of the USA. Every Russian is also a citizen of the earth and is just as entitled to the benefits of mutual defence. Indeed, it cannot be mutual unless we and they all share equally.

If there is truly nothing offensive in SDI, then the greatest contribution the Americans can make to world peace is to invite the Russians to join the club as full members.

Yours faithfully,
TONY GREENFIELD,
Pinewood Close,
Seaford,
East Sussex.

Handsworth disorders

From Mr Louis Heren

Sir, Martin Fletcher reports (September 12) that in the Handsworth area one house in ten either shares or has no inside lavatory or bathroom. To illustrate further its urban deprivation, he adds that 73 per cent of households do not own a car, barely one in three adults possesses credit cards, and more than half had no holiday last year.

This is regrettable, but relative deprivation on this scale surely does not explain the recent riots.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS HEREN,
Fleet House,
Vale of Health,
Hampstead, NW3,
September 12.

From Mr J. S. James

Sir, Am I alone in feeling outraged that the only way in which the police in Handsworth feel able to maintain law and order is by keeping a "low profile"? Yet minor arson and looting have all been committed.

Britain must be the only country in the world which applies one level of law enforcement to its indigenous population and another, far weaker and different, to its immigrants. If we do not get to grips with the criminals, of whatever colour, then the prospects for the future, not least in terms of backlash, are frightening.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. JAMES,
22 Archers Road,
Southampton,
Hampshire.

On the miners' side

From Mr Jeff Skelley and Mr Stephen Hayward

Sir, It is proper that we should consider the implications of the unprecedented civil violence provoked during the miners' strike, but it will not do to hand-off those seriously attempting to grapple with the problem by snide reference to a "hand-me-down idea from some dusty Lawrence and Wishart primer" ("Mab law is no law", September 4).

Readers interested in judging the character of the miners' strike, Lawrence and Wishart's contribution to the debate would be best advised to read our recently published book, *Policing the Miners' Strike*, edited by Bob Fine and Robert Millar.

The book is undoubtedly on the miners' side, but the variety of approaches and opinions expressed in it opens up the chance of genuine debate rather than a descent into name-calling and innuendo.

If it is this volume - jointly published with the Cobden Trust - which has incensed your leader-writer to employ parody and abuse,

it is sad that he could not respond to it in the same enlightened and reasoned manner adopted by the lawyers, journalists and researchers who contributed to the book.

Yours faithfully,
JEFF SKELLETT,
STEPHEN HAYWARD,
Lawrence and Wishart Limited,
39 Museum Street, WC1,
September 5.

Sunday trading

From the Bishop of Thetford

Sir, Sir William van Straubenzee (September 6) urges the Government to reconsider before removing all restraint upon Sunday trading: asking how such a policy will appear to voters in the next general election.

While grateful for this warning, surely the more urgent question is how this policy will appear in the sight of Almighty God, from whom "The Lord's Day" takes its name.

Yours etc
TIMOTHY THETFORD
Rectory Meadow,
Bramerton,
Norwich,
September 6.

Doubts on MORI poll

From the Chairman of the Liberal Party

Sir, In his letter of August 29 Mr Joe Haines, Group Political Editor of the *Mirror*, responded to my questions about the presentation of the MORI polls on the Brecon and Radnor by-election, with some sideswipes at Mr Robert Worcester of that organization. I note that, in the newsletter *British Public Opinion*, published this week, Mr Worcester replies that "Joe Haines's communication with his publisher and his editor and, indeed, his memory are faulty".

No doubt they can be left to fight

that one out. On one point of general concern, however, they are both uncharacteristically silent.

In my original letter (August 23) I asked who commissioned the first MORI poll, which appeared to show the Labour candidate as the credible challenger to the Conservatives. Mr Haines admits it was not commissioned by the *Mirror*, but that it was offered to the paper and it cost a "reasonable price". Mr Worcester confirms that the *Mirror* paid for it. But we still do not know who commissioned it.

If, as has been suggested, MORI undertook that poll for Mr Worcester's Labour Party clients - who presumably intended to pay for it -

Ban on drink at football grounds

From Lord Dean of Beswick

Sir, It would appear that the knowledge of some of the Press regarding the newly enacted Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol, etc) Act is strictly limited if one reads the recent reports in certain newspapers regarding football clubs applying for a licence to sell alcohol in parts of their ground from which the match itself may not be viewed.

Reports such as "clubs find a loophole in the Act" do no justice whatsoever to the real situation and quite clearly infer that clubs are trying to "pull a fast one" and defeat the intentions of the Act in a spirit of non-co-operation. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Having, during the past few weeks since the Act became law, visited the grounds of Manchester United, Manchester City and Leeds United under match conditions, I can vouch for the fact that every co-operation is being given in the interest of football in general to make this Act work, despite its imperfections - for example, the banning of drinking in the private boxes which I, and many others, consider a nonsense.

Anybody who has taken the trouble to read the proceedings during the passing of the Bill, both in the House of Commons and the House of Lords, will know that the then Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Leon Brittan, the Minister of State, Giles Shaw, and Lord Glenarthur, Government spokesman in the Lords, made it quite clear that the Association of Chief Police Officers were of the opinion that the sale of alcohol within football grounds did not produce particular problems, but the drinking of alcohol before arrival at the grounds did.

In order to give some justice to the clubs the Government decided, with Opposition support, to insert the clause that where a club had a good record they could apply for exemption from this particular part of the Act, so long as the match could not be viewed from the permitted selling and drinking points.

These exemptions could only be granted by the licensing magistrates on the advice of the police and had to be reviewed every five months. This is all that is happening so far and to talk of clubs "exploiting a loophole in the Act" is utter nonsense.

Yours faithfully,
DEAN OF BESWICK,
House of Lords, SW1,
September 10.

Farm quotas in question

From the London Director of the New Zealand Dairy Board

Sir, Dr Andrew Speedy's letter on milk quotas and the common agricultural policy (September 5) contains an important error of fact which I cannot allow to pass uncorrected.

The butter which the United Kingdom imports from New Zealand was not included in the calculation of the UK's national milk production quota. For the United Kingdom, as for every other member state, domestic production was all that was taken into account. This has been made clear by government ministers on a number of occasions.

I must ask that those debating milk quota and related issues stick to the facts in future. It would be mischievous as well as misleading to foster the belief among British dairy producers that they have obtained "a particularly raw deal" because of New Zealand.

New Zealand has nothing to do with the UK's production quota, and our butter trade - which remains both vital to the New Zealand economy and popular with the British consumer - should not be used as a scapegoat.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. POLLOCK, London Director,
New Zealand Dairy Board,
New Zealand House,
Haymarket, SW1,
September 11.

European union

From Sir Neil Marten

Sir, In your leader (September 9) on European Union you wrote that "British politicians and officials have been wary for instance of referring to European Union because of all that the word implies."

It is increasingly clear that it cannot mean the federalism that some dreamed of in the '60s'. I hope you are right.

It would be a great relief if the aforesaid politicians (of all parties) could spell out what their attitude is towards federalism.

Are they prepared to give up the veto? Are they prepared to give more powers to the European Assembly? to the Commission? and, if so, how much.

It would be quite simple. There is no reason now why these questions should be ducked as they were in the referendum in 1975. I do not believe the electorate would wish to see the nation state wither away.

Yours sincerely,
NEIL MARTEN,
Broad Oak House,
Manston, Dorset.

No doubt the Market Research Society, to whom my executive have referred the questions arising out of the commissioning, publication, timing and presentation of the MORI polls, will wish to consider the propriety of this transaction.

Yours etc
PAUL TYLER, Chairman,
The Liberal Party,
1 Whitehall Place, SW1,
September 7.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 14 1912

An extract from a long article in which the writer, Sir Charles Oman (1860-1946), questions whether the burning of Moscow was an accident or a deliberate act.

THE BURNING OF MOSCOW.

SEPTEMBER 14-19, 1912.

Seven days after the bloody fight of Borodino Napoleon's army came in sight of the long-desired domes of Moscow. Every morning since the awful slaughter of September 7 the Emperor had been expecting to find the enemy drawn up once more across his path, to dispute his entrance into the ancient capital of the Grand Dukes of Muscovy, the holy city of all the Russians. He was agreeably surprised when, at noon on the 14th, Murat, who was commanding the cavalry of his advanced guard, sent him back word that he had pushed his way to the barriers of the outer suburbs, driving before him nothing but a screen of light horse, which continually gave back when pressed.

THE ENTRY.

About two in the afternoon Murat entered the Dorogomiloff suburb, from which the last Russian vedettes had cleared some hours earlier. From the first moment it became evident that this entry into a conquered capital was to be unlike all others. There was not a soul to be seen in the long streets of squalid houses which led up towards the inner city. The place seemed absolutely deserted, cavalry vedettes pushed up many of the narrow side lanes, and came back to inform Murat that the houses seemed empty, and that they had broken open many doors and found no one within. At first the French feared that the surprise of Moscow was prepared for them but no signs of any attempt at obstructing their way were found, save that the wooden bridge over the Moskva, which flows between the suburbs and the inner city, had been cut. The cavalry forded the river without difficulty, and reached the Troitsky gate of the Kremlin, the palace-citadel of the Tsars. Here the first signs of life were met: a belated convoy of wounded men, mixed with poor people, driving their carts of baggage, was overtaken and captured. At the same time a crackling fire of musketry broke out from the walls of the Kremlin. The gate was at once blown in by a few shots from the artillery of the advanced guard; but when the entrance was forced no one was found within, save a few score of half-armed fanatics, who had stayed behind, despite all orders, to defend the citadel. Some fled, and others rushed upon the French, and had to be cut down, for they would take no quarter. But for these madmen, the Kremlin was almost empty; only in one corner several hundreds of military artificers, who had lingered too late, were guarding the arsenal, were surprised and captured without trouble. After sending back word to the Emperor that Moscow appeared to be completely empty and undefended, Murat pushed his cavalry in several columns across the further side of the city, and after three hours of anxious exploration, reached the eastern barriers of the suburbs, where small parties of Cossacks, Miloradovich's rearguard, could be seen in the distance watching the roads.

Meanwhile Napoleon had been waiting at the outer end of the Smolensk road for the magistrates and notables who were to surrender Moscow in due form. Repeatedly he asked for the "boyars," as he called them; he had a little speech and proclamation prepared for their benefit. No one came, and growing impatient, the Emperor sent forward several of his Polish aides-de-camp, who could speak Russian, to hurry up the deputation. Whole hours passed; and presently one officer returned with five or six poor people captured in by-streets, and another with a party of French shopkeepers, who had come out of their hiding-places to greet their countrymen. One of these last began a faltering oration, but the Emperor cut him short, and, in extreme discontent at the fitness of his triumphal entry, ordered the Guard forward into the city to occupy the Kremlin, while he himself took up his quarters for the night - it was now dusk - at a large house in the suburb where he had been waiting. He appointed Marshal Mortier governor of the city, and directed him to prevent all disorder. "Sortout point de pillage! Vous m'en répondez sur votre tête."

Such orders were easy to give, but impossible to execute. The French troops were half-finished; already they had been eating horse-flesh during the last few days. The city was full of food, and whole quarters were unguarded and unoccupied. In spite of all orders, thousands of men, both from the cavalry and the Guards who had entered the city and from the corps which had been halted outside the suburbs, took advantage of the dusk to slip through the line of sentries and plunge into the deserted streets. An hour later there was an enormous blaze in the centre of the city, the great Exchange under the walls of the Kremlin, a bazaar of the Oriental type which is said to have contained 5,000 little shops if all sorts. The Burning of Moscow had begun.

Rural pastimes

From Mr Rupert C. Mayo

Sir, Further to your correspondent's observation of anachronistic "medieval" pastimes (September 9), may I add "fysshe with potatoe", a medieval dish served at Lumley Castle, Durham, to guests at its regular banquets, set in times some centuries before Sir Walter Raleigh presented Queen Bess with the famous tuber?

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT MAYO,
Lane Farm,
Bovingdon,
Henricshire,
September 9.

Glories recalled

From Mr Edward Impey

Sir, Presumably Alaric the Goth retired to Dunroamin?
Yours, etc.,
EDWARD IMPEY,
Cumnor Place, Cumnor, Oxford.

TRAVEL

Cut-price fares to Canada

TRAVEL NEWS

Cuts in transatlantic fares for the autumn and winter have been announced by a number of airlines. Both Air Canada and British Airways are cutting fares to Canada by up to £60 on all outward flights between October 21 and December 6, return journeys have to be completed by December 13.

The fare to most Canadian destinations will be cut by £50, but flights to Vancouver will be reduced by £60. Return fares, which are claimed to undercut charter-flight prices, will now start at £248 to Toronto and £338 to Vancouver.

BA has also announced cuts in standby fares to all its 15 destinations in the United States, with the one-way fare from London to New York being cut by £30 to £149, which comes near to matching the £147 one-way fare from Gatwick to New York's Newark Airport, just introduced by People Express.

The American carrier Delta Airlines, which operates a scheduled service from Gatwick to Atlanta, is seeking approval for a special winter "long weekend" fare which will cut normal excursion tariffs by more than one-third. It will be valid for outbound travel only on Thursday or Friday, with the return journey on the following Sunday or Monday. Prices would start at £299 return and destinations would include Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Orlando and Tampa.

Wings to waves

Comair is to operate an expanded programme of charter flights on Concorde next year to link up with transatlantic sailings by the QE2. New Concorde connections are planned between New York and Glasgow, Leeds/Bradford, Edinburgh and Liverpool in addition to London, Man-

chester, Bristol and Birmingham next year.

Bubbles in the air

Weekend breaks for aviation enthusiasts are being organized this autumn at the Ariel Hotel, which adjoins Heathrow Airport. Next month there will be a special package to mark the 50th anniversary of the Douglas DC-3, a long-serving workhorse of the world's airlines, which will include a champagne breakfast flight on a chartered DC-3 from Heathrow to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. Price is £110 per person, including two nights' accommodation.

Play planes

Two aviation weekends, priced at £70, are also being run at the Ariel Hotel in conjunction with British Airways. They will give enthusiasts a chance to sit in a Concorde flightdeck and try out their piloting skills in a flight simulator. Information from the Ariel on 01-759 2552.

American aid

A booklet on travel to the United States for handicapped people has just been published by the US Travel and Tourism Administration. It gives useful advice on transport and accommodation, and describes the special facilities provided at major airports. The booklet - The United States Welcomes Handicapped Visitors - is available from the USTA at 22 Saville Street, London W1X 2EA (01-439 7433).

Tennis, anyone?

Tours to the Algarve are being operated next month by Roger Taylor Tennis Holidays for the first time. The tours, which start at the Roger Taylor Tennis Centre at Vale do Lobo on October 12, prices start at £242 per person. Information on 01-947 9727.

Philip Ray

Angel who quenched a great thirst in the sky

TRAVEL TALK

Now it can be told. It was a long time ago, it was not a million miles from Amsterdam and it was flying over the North Sea. I mean I had opted not for free champagne, tournedos and two veg and three inches more legroom at nearly twice the price, but for a 45-minute flight to London, the cheapest way of getting there by plane.

I was - and most of the time still am - one of those nuisance airlines that get rid of their passengers as quickly as possible, but however hard they try to solo passenger paying for himself.

It was a 757, still newish, long and flexible and somehow a shade more reassuring than most. But British Airways is British Airways, and with my permissible hand luggage I carried the usual chip on my shoulder. I remembered the first time a BA stewardess had refused to sell me a drink on a short-haul flight in storage, and when I complained had said crisply, "I suggest you travel Club next time, Sir". This one was a rather kinder looking woman of more mature years. Nevertheless, I snarled as I slunk towards the back, "I suppose I can't even get a ruddy drink."

To my astonishment, she said, "Try keeping your mouth shut and see what it gets you."

What it got me was a free drink. And my fellow travellers in storage too.

"I'm not allowed to sell you drinks," she said. "So I'll give them to you. I've never seen why a passenger shouldn't have a drink if he wants one." I wish I could report that there was applause in storage. The murmur of gratitude was, however, unusually heartfelt.

I phoned British Airways the next day and spoke. I am convinced, to the man who trains Bunny Mothers who train the stewardesses. "Who was she?" he barked. "Why didn't you get her name? Where was the flight? What time of day? What type of aircraft? It is simply not our policy to serve drinks on short-haul flights in storage. Economy. Or was it Tourist?"

No, I would not answer his questions. I only wanted to know whether stewardesses had such discretion. They did not.

It took a long while, but I think it must be safe at last to say thank you to this ministering angel of the skies.

Tony Samstag

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OUT AND ABOUT

Taking to the hills on two wheels

As a youth, who feared his teeth would be loosened by cycling at high speed down cobbled north country streets and cratered canal banks, I remember designing the perfect bicycle in my mind. It was lightweight, with jumbo, shock-absorbing tyres, brake blocks the size of boxing gloves and a multiplicity of gears that would allow me to climb a house with ease or overtake fast traffic downhill.

They are now building this ideal machine. The latest in the field of self-propulsion are the mountain or rough terrain bicycles, which have proved their rugged qualities by carrying two cyclists up to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro and down again, and two others have gone from London to Lagos, a distance of 3,500 miles which included crossing the Sahara.

Cycling has enjoyed a boom recently. Its by-products of jodhpur-shaped legs, stomach muscles resembling a ladder-back chair and the pulse beat of a funeral drum, are all thought very desirable. Deserving the highway and taking to the rough, the mountain bike has added an extra dynamism to the sport.

"It is not an easy option," Alan Hewison of Penrith told me. He is an enthusiast for the Muddy Fox mountain bike. "Until your legs grow used to it, pedalling across rough country is extremely hard work. Quite often on steep ground you have to carry the bike on your back and be pretty careful coming downhill in case you're thrown over the handlebars."

Even so, I watched him career expertly down a steep boulder-strewn slope, with the bicycle bouncing and leaping beneath him in a way that would have reduced most ordinary machines to their component parts.

Control is a free-style effort and some riders, finding at full tilt downhill with the brakes on, seem to apply additional

stopping power by sitting on the back wheel. "Not advised," said Alan Hewison.

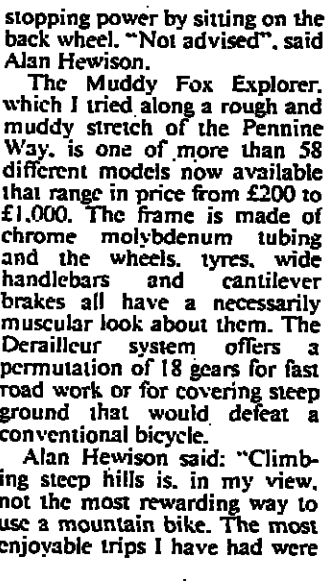
The Muddy Fox Explorer, which I tried along a rough and muddy stretch of the Pennine Way, is one of more than 58 different models now available that range in price from £200 to £1,000. The frame is made of chrome molybdenum tubing and the wheels, tyres, wide handlebars and cantilever brakes all have a necessarily muscular look about them. The Derailleur system offers a permutation of 18 gears for fast road work or for covering steep ground that would defeat a conventional bicycle.

Alan Hewison said: "Climbing steep hills is, in my view, not the most rewarding way to use a mountain bike. The most enjoyable trips I have had were along footpaths, through the Caledonian pine forests in Scotland. The ground is not too rough to be uncomfortable, and it is most exhilarating. On the downhill stretches you get some very envious looks from walkers."

Purists among the rambling fraternity have grumbled about these newcomers to the country scene, but they can hardly compare them with engine-powered cross-country bikes. Mountain bikes powered by pedals are unpolluting, save for the occasional grunt, groan or whiff of sweat from the rider, and there is little to choose aesthetically between a boot print or a tyre mark left on a mountain top.

The National Off-Road Bicycle Association (NORBA) has been set up to promote the

Downhill racer: mountain cycles can stand up to rough terrain... and they don't pollute the atmosphere



sport in Britain, advise mountain bike enthusiasts, organize competitions, and liaise with the parent organization in America, where the sport has a wide following. At Llanwrtyd Wells in Powys, in the ideal terrain of the Upper Wye Valley, the Mountain Bike Centre offers mountain bikes for hire, and will also teach the techniques of off-road cycling.

The enthusiasts insist that mountain bikes are much more than an adult version of the youngster's BMX cycle. They are willing to admit the disadvantages of mountain bikes, which are several pounds heavier than an equivalent touring machine and considerably more expensive. The fat tyres are more roll-resistant, and therefore require more effort to drive. The wheelbase is

longer and is thought to soak up more energy climbing hills, and although the upright riding position is comfortable enough, there is no alternative.

With these caveats noted and provided the cyclist is really keen to head off into the rocks and bracken, then a mountain bike is among the most intriguing ways of seeing the countryside. Once your legs have taken the strain and adopted that jodhpur-shape, it is very enjoyable.

Ronald Faux

The Mountain Bike Centre, Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys, Wales, (05913 345). National Off-Road Bicycle Association, NORBA (UK), 3 The Shrubbery, Albert Street, St George's, Telford, Shropshire.

History comes to life down on the farm

Traditional methods of farming, before the age of the tractor, can still be enjoyed in Shropshire

There are ducks on the pond, sheep under the trees, pigs in their sties and cows in the meadows. Brecon Buff geese strut along the paths and shire horses plough the land.

This is the Acton Scott Working Farm Museum, 23 acres of beautiful Shropshire countryside where visitors can see for themselves a style of farming that began to disappear in the early years of the century.

The museum was established in 1975 to preserve the traditions of Shropshire farming in the pre-tractor age, and was the brainchild of Geoffrey McCabe, the local council's museum and arts officer. He realized that Shropshire was a county where older ideas had persisted until a

relatively late date. He met people who remembered the horse age on the farm and saw there was a background of knowledge to draw on that would be lost when they died.

The museum now occupies the buildings and part of the farmland of the Acton Scott Estate Home Farm. Visitors can watch the corn being harvested and the shire horses bringing their hay-laden wagons into the centuries-old farmyard with its mock heap still in the centre. "We use no chemicals or

FARM FACTS

Facilities include free picnic area and a small café for hot and cold meals with all food baked on the premises. Most parts of the site and buildings are accessible for wheelchairs and there is a toilet for disabled people. Guides, booked in advance, can be provided at £1.50 for parties of up to 30 children and notes for teachers available on request. A guide for adults, also to be booked in advance, costs £3.

Acton Scott is about 17 miles south of Shrewsbury and 14 miles from Ludlow on the A49. The nearest railway stations are Church

Pat Hope learnt her dairy skills from an 80-year-old woman who always made her own butter, and the same principle of learning traditional crafts from people who practised them rather than from books, applies to the farm's butter-maker and wheelwright, Keith Crane. He learnt his trade from two 70-year-old wheelwrights. Saddler Terry Davies acquired his craft with the royal saddlers, and Tom Williamson learnt to be a farrier in the Army.

At weekends you can see demonstrations of other traditional country skills, like corn dolly making, pottery and weaving. As well as watching craftsmen at work, visitors can talk to the white-coated "wardens" who are employed as "walking sources of information", as Robin Hill described them. "It's much better to have people than

have the site littered with explanatory notices", he says. "And they're here for safety reasons too. Animals bite and machines hurt. We've had 10 years now without an accident and we want to keep it that way."

Volunteer workers come from many parts of the world to be involved in the project. "Anyone who would like to help is welcome", says Robin. "We can use volunteers at any time of the year, but they're particularly useful at haymaking and har-

vesting times."

Explaining the museum's success (50,000 visitors last year) he said: "I think it's because it's like a living history lesson. We can make sense of what's written in books. And the things people see here, they don't forget."

Angela Wigglesworth

OUTINGS

CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM CRAFT FAIR: Japanese archery is one of the more unusual skills being demonstrated on both days. Enus traditional English longbow archery today and a vintage car parade tomorrow. Also a sawpit, woodcutting and turning, mill stone dressing, forge and blacksmith, craft fair refreshments.

Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newland Park, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks (02407 71117). Today, tomorrow 11am-6pm. Adult £1, child under 14 50p.

MIDLAND GAME FAIR: Many country sports, demonstrations and competitions, including muzzle-loading, shooting, fishing, working dogs, archery, falconry and cookery. Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, Shropshire. Further information from Philip Poole (05436 71870). Today, tomorrow 10am-5.30pm. Adult and child over 4 £3, under 4 free.

EPWORTH FESTIVAL OF THE PLOUGH: A dozen pairs of horses entered for the vintage tractor and steam ploughing, also a sheep dog display, steam threshing, Morris and dog dancers and local crafts. Refreshments and licensed bar. Rectory Street, Epworth, near Doncaster. Further information from Keith Tatton (0427 872271). Tomorrow 10am-6pm, adult £1, child free.

DUXFORD '85: A 3-hour flying display featuring jet and post-war military aircraft plus formation flying and parachuting. Imperial War Museum, Duxford

Airfield, Duxford, Cambs (0223 835000). Tomorrow. Gates open 9am, flying from 2pm. Car plus adult £3, single child £1.50.

TIME GENTLEMEN PLEASE: Otherwise entitled "The Glory of the English Pub 1880-1950", the exhibition shows how the architecture and interior decoration of pubs has changed and also covers the social aspects. Many photographs from the Campaign for Real Ale archives plus other pub memorabilia from the museum's collection. Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster (0302 734287). Until Sept 21, Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Free.

GREAT AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW: Roses, dahlias, shrubs, trees, orchids, rock garden and glass house plants and the opportunity to talk with the expert. Royal Horticultural Society's Halls, Greycroft Street and Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Tues 11am-7pm, Wed 10am-7pm, Thurs 10am-5pm; admission £1.60, £1.30 respectively.

THE HEALTHIER LIVING SHOW: The perennial challenge of keeping fit naturally - displays of food, health, fitness, exercise and beauty, with lectures. Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5. Further information Caroline de Courcy Ireland (01-385 1200). Tues-Sept 22: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am-7pm, Thurs 10am-10.30pm;

Sun 10am-5.30pm. Adult £3, child 14 £1.50.

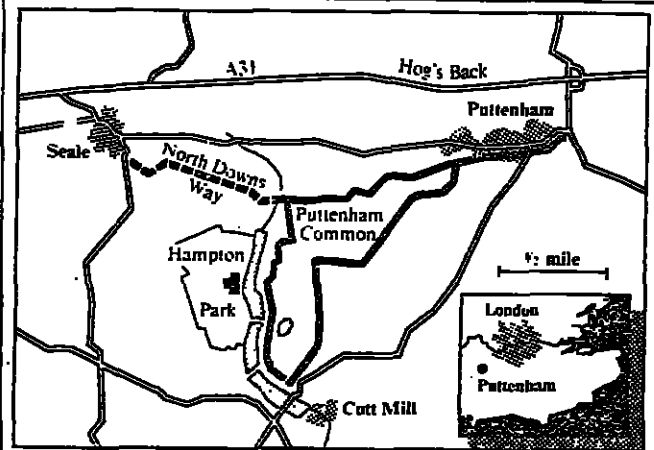
CARRIAGE RIDES AT HATFIELD HOUSE: Weather permitting, coachman/Bernard Hunt and black horse, Thomas - both impeccably turned out - will take you for a ride round the grounds of Lord Salisbury's Jacobean house, Hatfield House, Hatfield, Herts (30 62823). Tues-Fri and Sun until Sept 30, 12 noon-5pm. Admission to grounds plus exhibitions, adult £1.40, child £1.10. Long ride, adult £1, child 50p; short ride adult 50p, child 30p.

NOW THE WAR IS OVER: An exhibition which evokes the optimism and idealism of post-war Britain as well as the austere realities of life 1945-51. A joint effort by the Museum and the BBC, which is screening a series this Autumn. Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (01-600 3699). Tues-Dec. Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm. Free.

FREE ENTRY DAYS AT 50 NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES: An opportunity to see some great houses, gardens, castles. Among these are Stourhead House and Gardens, Wiltshire; Lanhydrock, Cornwall; Bodiam Castle, Sussex; Beningbrough Hall, North Yorkshire.

For further details of properties open in your area, ring your regional NT office or the head office (01-222 9251). Wed, throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Judy Froshaug



SURREY Hog's Back Distance: 6 miles from Aldershot. Farnham and Guildford; each is less than five miles as the crow flies, but could as well be fifty. This little route takes in all the good aspects of walking in the south, with its woodland, heath, farmland, down and waterside elements.

From Cott Mill car park (the second on your way out of Puttenham), take the path which starts almost parallel to the road back towards the village. This soon swings left to bring three gnarled pines into view ahead. Climb to the top and look back over a splendid panorama to the south. Turn right to rejoin the

path which makes unerringly north-eastwards to Puttenham, with its buildings that combine both chalk and sandstone - we are on the geological junction of these two.

Follow the North Downs Way west to Tofford Hatch and take the left track, before the bridge, up to Hillbury Fort, returning to base with the Hampton Park ponds to the right. An extra mile west from Tofford Hatch, and back the same way, offers the view down to Seale, another typically pleasant Surrey village.

The Ordnance Survey map for this walk is Number 186 (Aldershot and Guildford), but the HMSO guide to the North Downs Way shows the walk at 1:25,000 scale, and is much more useful.

Alan Franks

DRINK

A classic claret recipe

The Cabernet Franc grape is a puzzler. It blends so happily and harmoniously with its cousin, the Cabernet Sauvignon grape, that wine buffs (myself included) find it difficult to tell the two apart. Distinguished American ampelographers such as Maynard Amerine describe its aroma as being "green olive or weedy"; and others compare its bouquet with grass or green peppers.

To me, the hallmark of a fine Cabernet Franc wine is an attractive, light, raspberry and redcurrant-like bouquet backed up by similar flavours on the palate and rounded off with a unique, almost dusty herbaceous finish. This curious dusty epilogue is elusive, as this grape is almost always blended in with other varieties, most notably the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

Other Cabernet Franc characteristics include lightness and softness as this late-ripening, thin-skinned, fairly productive grape variety has large grapes and therefore a much higher juice to skin ratio than, say, the small grapes of the Cabernet Sauvignon. This lack of skin-pigment, and tannin, which makes the Cabernet Franc an ideal blender, also explains why wines made exclusively from the Cabernet Franc grape mature earlier and are paler than those of the robust, thick-skinned Cabernet Sauvignon.

Bordeaux is the Cabernet Franc grape's chief home, and the classic claret recipe is predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon rounded off with a little Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Right-bank Bordeaux properties have more Cabernet Franc vines (or Bouchet as they call them) than those on the left, especially in communes such as St Emilion and to a lesser extent Pomerol. St Emilion's greatest Cabernet Franc wine, and arguably the world's, is the premier grand cru classé, Cheval Blanc, whose *cuvée* is two-thirds Cabernet Franc to one-third Merlot.

Elsewhere in France, the Cabernet Franc grape crops up in the middle Loire. Locals here refer to it as the Breton grape where, apart from being a component in the humble blended Anjou and Touraine reds, it is also responsible for the violet-scented Chinon and the raspberry-redulent Bourgueil and St Nicholas de Bourgueil wines, as well as most Saumur and Saumur Champigny reds.

Outside France, the Cabernet Franc's only other home is north-east Italy. But most of these wines taste somewhat jammy and coarse when compared with those of France. In recent years California, Australia and South Africa have been rounding off their Cabernet Sauvignon wines with a touch of Cabernet Franc and Merlot with some impressive results.

Tracking down classic, yet inexpensive, Cabernet Franc wines from Bordeaux is not as easy as it sounds. The best example I have come across is the 83 Château Toutieac situated at Targon in the Entre deux Mers and owned by René Mazau. This 12 per cent alcohol, predominantly Cabernet Franc '83 claret has a light crimson colour, a lively, fresh redcurrant smell and taste plus that mysterious dusty finish. (H. Allen Smith, 24-25 Scala Street, London W1 and SW3, NW3, £3.45; Tesco, £2.55.)

Sainsbury's also stock an excellent and even cheaper Cabernet Franc from Italy for just £2.39. This '83 Sainsbury's Cabernet Franc Aquileia comes from a small single estate - Tenuta Ca' Bolani in Friuli. I much enjoyed its bright ruby colour and ripe, juicy, redcurrant flavour coupled with a herbaceous and slightly bitter finish.

Robin Yapp has a delightful Saumur Champigny from the Domaine Filiataure made from old vines that pre-date phylloxera. M. Paul Filiataure's '83 Vieilles Vignes has a deep purple colour and extraordinary full, rich, Cabernet Franc character that is definitely worth experiencing. (Yapp Brothers, Mere, Wiltshire, £5.)

If, however, you have money to splash out on one of the most majestic Cabernet Franc wines ever, then do so on the intoxicating, rich, cedar and herbaceous 1978 Cheval Blanc. I promise you will not regret it.

Jane MacQuitty



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SHOPPING

Sound advice for your ears only

The humble transistor and portable tape recorder have come a long way since the advent of sophisticated personal hi-fi. Roland White reports

Five years ago no self-respecting trendy would be seen dead without roller-skates or a Sony Walkman, then just launched in this country.

You don't see many roller-skates these days, but thanks to those nice people from Sony and the companies that quickly followed them into the market here are an estimated six, or even million personal hi-fis in Britain today.

Prices have tumbled since the first Walkmen sold for around £100. Now you can pick up a cheap and cheerful but perfectly acceptable personal hi-fi for less than £20. Last Christmas the Sony WM-22, selling for just under £30, outsold every other audio product on the market.

Just which model will be right for you depends on what you want to do with it. Today's personal hi-fis (everybody knows them as Walkmen, which is all very nice for Sony but gets everybody else hot under the headphones), have all the little extras you expect from a full-size system.

At a price, current personal hi-fi has Dolby noise reduction, graphic equalizers, auto-reverse and built-in radio; and it could still be smaller than the average pocket dictionary.

You can jog with them, if you make sure your model has an anti-roll mechanism to steady the tape. Those at the cheaper end of the range are ideal for learning languages. If like Denis Healey, you use yours for listening to classical music, then Dolby or a graphic equalizer makes a big difference to the sound. Cyclists use them and a personal hi-fi can take the monotony out of long queues or repetitive jobs.

Not everybody likes them. To some they are anti-social

conversation stoppers. But on most commuter trains, there is grim silence with or without headphones. Other people find the 'tiny noise' which comes from the headphones at high volume irritating. A lot less irritating, though, than portable hi-fi buds - who don't normally bother with headphones. A bus traveller complained about just that to a teenager sitting behind him. "Turn it down," he bellowed. "Eighty for no wicket," replied the youngster.

If your hi-fi isn't for music or showing off, you're better off at the lower end of the market. The firms are very competitive in the under-£30 price bracket. The biggest seller is the Sony Walkman WM-22 (£29.95). The sound quality is good for the price, it is stylish, fits easily into the pocket or hangs from a shoulder strap, and has an anti-roll device.

Sony's nearest rival, quickly produced its own cheap but stylish model, the MGPI5, which sells for around £29.99. It is nicely designed, has the same features as the Walkman, plus a carrying case. Sony has also kept its cheaper model, the MGPI0 (£19.99). It doesn't look as good, has no anti-roll mechanism, and no rewind control.

Philips, the only British company in the market (and it is, really Dutch) offers the Skymaster 4 (£19.95) and the more compact and stylish Skymaster 5 (£24.95). Both are made in Japan, incidentally. Neither has a rewind button, neither has an anti-rolling mechanism, but there is a handy clip for belts or pockets. Again the sound quality is good for the price.

The serious music listener must expect to pay around £50 for better tape heads and perhaps Dolby or a graphic equalizer. For around £30 Sony has a graphic equalizer you simply plug in to your existing model. It is useful for adjusting the volume in a noisy environment.

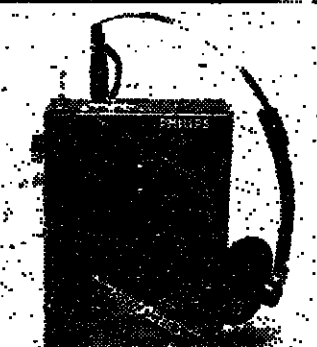
Dolby noise reduction does just what it says: its biggest bonus is to cut out tape hiss. Purists say it also dampens the sound, but with a personal hi-fi you need a 'pretty good ear' to notice that.

A graphic equalizer is a sophisticated form of tone control. It has from three to five slide controls which can adjust the sound level to any particular range.

But most Sony models in this range, like the WM-40 (£39.95), have Dolby rather than an equalizer. The WM-28 (£59.95) has two levels of Dolby and auto-reverse so you need never



Stylish: Sony MGPI5. Costs £29.99 and comes with rewind controls, anti-rolling mechanism, auto stop, tone switch, and carrying case. Cheaper model at £19.99



Compact: Philips Skymaster 5. Costs £24.95 and comes with fast-forward/auto stop and handy clip for belts or pockets. Cheaper model at £19.95



Quality: Sony Walkman DC2. Costs £149.95 and comes with disc drive, quartz clock, capstan servo control system, Dolby, light-weight headphones, case and strap



Rugged: Sony Sports Walkman. Costs £89.99 and is water-resistant. The makers say it works whether you are 'jogging, sailing, windsurfing or even shooting the rapids'

rewind at the end of a tape. Sony offers the MGP30 (£49.99) with a three-band graphic equalizer cleverly incorporated into the cassette door, auto-reverse and an anti-roll device. The slightly more stylish MGP33, the so-called executive personal stereo (£54.99), has Dolby rather than an equalizer. Other models in this range include Panasonic's £49.95 RQJ7, Toshiba's KT-4035 with Dolby, anti-roll and built-in radio, and AIWA's HSP05.

Above this range, Sony's place as leading rival to Sony is being taken by AIWA. Models of around £100 and above are for show-offs or anybody who needs very high quality reproduction.

The prime set for show-offs again comes from Sony - the Sports Walkman. A new model has come on the market for £89.99. Recently, it is water-resistant, has room for two sets of headphones and is just the thing to be seen with on the slopes. For £119.95 it comes with built-in radio.

There are still some old Sports versions (WMF5) left on the market, so if you want to be bang up to date, make sure you ask for the latest version, either WM75 or WMF75.

But for a different style and a better sound, AIWA offers the HSG08. It has a wafer-thin remote control unit, so you don't have to reach into pockets

or bags to push buttons, plus a five-band graphic equalizer, anti-roll, and Dolby. If you think that's a bit too extravagant you can cut out the graphic equalizer and settle for an HSP08 for around £10 less. The Sony equivalent is the Walkman DC2 at £149.95.

Whatever you're looking for, Sony is being beaten at its own game. The firm is proud of its credit card range, complete with recharger, for £69.95 (FM) or £54.95 (AM). Philips is rather proud of its version, too. It's not as small, it admits, but it does receive both FM and medium wave (you can even get the World Service, no mean feat even on some large radios) and it costs just under £20.

cassette range is anything to go by, more will follow.

Sony dominates the cassette market. Even one of its rivals admitted: "If money is no object, go for Sony." Another admitted using a Sony when not promoting another brand at work.

In the radio market, however, Sony is being beaten at its own game. The firm is proud of its credit card range, complete with recharger, for £69.95 (FM) or £54.95 (AM). Philips is rather proud of its version, too. It's not as small, it admits, but it does receive both FM and medium wave (you can even get the World Service, no mean feat even on some large radios) and it costs just under £20.

The market will soon become even more complicated with the introduction of portable compact disc players. Sony has one on the market already and if the

EATING OUT

Cultivating a taste for oysters

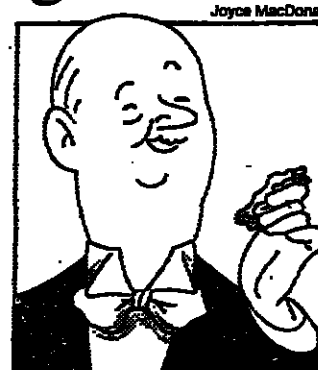
The new oyster season is fast becoming a media event to rival Beaujolais Nouveau or The Glorious Twelfth.

Dr Eric Edwards, of the Shellfish Association, estimates that some ten million oysters will be swallowed in Britain this year. "They are healthy to eat and delicious to taste. Now some major companies are providing the frozen, ready-prepared oyster dish, such as angels on horseback (steamed oysters wrapped with grilled bacon) or oysters mornay."

The domestic industry is based on two oysters - the 'native', cultivated in long-established beds at Colchester and Whitstable, and the Pacific, which was imported from America in the 1960s and is produced in hatcheries.

Most purists would pursue the natives for eating raw, and it is now rare to find fish restaurants, old or new, which do not take account of this. Holford's, Royal Whitstable, West Mersea and Colchester appear at the head of many a contemporary menu.

Two apparently conflicting social strands are behind the oyster revival - the growth in health consciousness and rampant "fogeyism". One camp values the oyster for its protein and mineral contents (iodine,



phosphorus) and purity of taste, while the other sees mollusc-munching as an example of the stylish living of yesteryear.

There is undoubtedly an aura of civilized charm about well-established restaurants like Sheekey's in London's theatreland or Scott's in Mayfair. Both offer effortless elegance, especially in the shape of their long, high oyster bars which are a boon to the solitary diner.

Still plush, but in a slightly more homely fashion, are the Wheeler's group of restaurants. They have their own oyster beds at West Mersea in Essex, so standards and quality are

FOOD NOTES

Sheekey's, 28 St Martin's Court, London WC2 (01-240 2565). Mon-Sat 12.30-3pm and 6-11.15pm. Scott's, 20 Mount Street, London W1 (01-629 5248). Daily 12.30-3pm (except Sun) and 6-10.45pm (7-10pm Sun).

The King's Arms Hotel, Market Street, Woodstock, Oxon (0293 811412). Daily 12.30-2.30pm and 6.30-10.30pm.

Rudland and Stubbs, 35-37 Greenhill Rents, Cowcross Street, London EC1 (01-253 0148). Daily noon-3pm (except Sat) and 6-11.30pm.

Burley-Orford Oysterage, Market Hill, Orford, Suffolk (038 45 277). Open: Wed-Sun noon-2.30pm, Tues-Sun 7.30-11.30pm.

tightly controlled. Daily supplies now reach the land-locked town of Woodstock, where the attractive King's Arms Hotel has recently become yet another link in the Wheeler's chain.

For simpler surroundings Rudland and Stubbs, with its white-tiled walls and sawdust-covered floors, is an apt venue, again with bars and stools for solo eating. The Burley-Orford Oysterage is an equally plain restaurant-cum-shop in the heart of oyster territory, which serves the Pacific for those who wish to make comparisons with the natives.

Stan Hey

COLLECTING

Coveted mementoes of great gallantry

The market for orders, medals and decorations, in financial terms, will never rock the world, but every now and then a Victoria Cross is sold with a lot of publicity, or medals which had been awarded to famous personalities are sold, and suddenly people's emotions are aroused.

This will be well illustrated by a display of 34 George Medals at Nimrod Dix and Co, the specialist medal dealer in London's Piccadilly Arcade. The collection has been formed by William Fevery who, earlier this year, displayed his life saving medals at Spink and Son.

The George Medal is not an old award; it was created by Royal Warrant just 45 years ago, on September 24, 1940, and since then the total of all awards is only 1,040. Originally created to reward acts of great gallantry performed by civilians in air raids on the United Kingdom, it has now become one of our most respected awards.

The role of the medal was soon expanded geographically, and service personnel also became eligible. Recipients now come from more than 80 countries and yet the George Medal is rarely offered for sale in the commercial world. Against this background, William Fevery's collection is an amazing achievement. The catalogue of the medals displayed in the exhibition contains many testimonials of bravery and heroism.

The Dix exhibition has been timed to coincide with the 8th Annual Convention of the Orders and Medals Research Society which will be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, on Friday and Saturday, September 27-28. No fewer than 40 specialist dealers and it is selling medals and related items; a similar number of dedicated collectors will have specially mounted presentations on view but the convention is a strictly private event organized by the society for its members, and membership is required to ensure entry (free). The annual membership fee is a modest £6.

which also includes free copies of a quarterly journal. An auction of members' property will be held on Friday evening.

In the three months up to Christmas there is a wide range of material being offered for sale. The first auction will be at Glendining and Co on Wednesday and will include a topical oddity, the United Nations Gold Medal awarded to President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana for "Distinguished service in the struggle against apartheid". More traditional medals include an important KBE group to Sir Leslie Boyce, who was severely wounded at Gallipoli, but was later to be Lord Mayor of London, 1951-1952. Sotheby's first medal sale will be on Thursday November 7 and Christie's on Wednesday



Rare distinction: George Medal owned by William Fevery

November 20. The sale by Spink's on Thursday December 12 will include a number of items from the collection of David F. Spink, who was chairman of the company from 1958 to 1975 and who died in January this year.

Daniel Fearon

Those in a panic to join the Orders and Medals Research Society in order to be able to visit the convention should contact the membership secretary: N. I. Brooks, 33 Berkeley Avenue, Greenford, Middx (01-864 5077). Members may take a guest. The exhibition of George Medals from the W. H. Fevery Collection is at Nimrod Dix and Co, (17 Piccadilly Arcade, London SW1 (01-493 5082), from Sept 24 to Oct 2.

AUCTIONS

ARMS AND THE MAN: The helmet (pictured left) worn by Captain Oates - later to die with Scott in the Antarctic - as an officer of the 6th Dragoon is estimated at £2,500 to £3,500 in a sale of arms and military. Other items include a gilt-metal parade cuirass of the Prussian Regiment of Garde du Corps and the uniform, with richly embroidered coat, of Count Benckendorff, Russian Ambassador to Britain from 1903 to 1917.

Christie's, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611). Viewing Wed 2-4.30pm, Thurs 9am-4.30pm, Fri 9-11am. Sale Fri 2pm.

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IN THE GARDEN

A slippery path to Paradise

Michael Young concludes his series on 400 years of great British gardens with a visit to Sutton Place in Surrey, where art and nature blend in magical combination

Paradise regained has been the recurring theme from the formal gardens of the 16th century to the apparently artless landscape gardens of the 18th century through to our own city backyards.

Man has laboured hard to find a means of expression that would give form to his conception of "paradise on earth". He built temples in Elysian groves, transplanted mature trees and created vast lakes to evoke this ideal garden.

The garden of Sutton Place in Surrey was begun by Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe for Stanley Scager in 1980. By turns extravagant and opulent, it is full of the most delightful conceits as it weaves its magic around the old Tudor hunting lodge. Historically it is a synthesis of everything gone before and yet it is a garden that could only have been made today using, as it does, the language of abstract art to convey an experience greater than that found in everyday life.

For Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, Sutton Place is the culmination of all the work he has ever done. It is also the first time he has been able "to get across to the lay public the subconscious thoughts on form and ideas in an environment".

Sutton Place, designed for slow contemplation, is an allegory on man's journey through life which begins at Paradise, a walled enclosure to the east of the house.

Having moved from earth (the house) the journey to Paradise is hazardous. Steeply sloping paths lead to the water

lilies encroach to present a slippery trap for the unwary.

Paradise itself is criss-crossed by serpentine paths. It is a place to linger by the vine and honeysuckle. At night tiny lights glitter in the metal crowns of these arbours: from terracotta masks set high into the walls, water tumbles into huge bowls lost among the dense foliage.

In Paradise order and beauty are paramount. But beyond the old yew hedge to the east lies the Secret Garden, redolent of all the woodland thickets one played in when a child. In this contrived wilderness, where stinging nettles and rosebay willowherb have been introduced to swallow the fallen timber, all is sweet decay and a sense of the inexorable march of time.

But there is magic here, too, as mossy circles describe fairy rings beneath the old trees. Pierced through the walls at intervals, windows give glimpses of the real world. From the Secret Garden a grand terrace of lawn and trim yew hedges runs the length of the house. There are herbaceous borders here and avenues of pleached limes. Close by the lake the house's fruiting citrus trees stand in tube and a magnolia grandiflora in full flower clings to the medieval red brickwork.

Beyond the hedges are fields - a mass of bulbs in springtime - which are now sheets of ripe ochre-coloured hay.

The path from the Secret Garden past the house ends in a surreal fantasy of exaggerated perspective, the last few yards of



Pooled talent: Jellicoe's pond and Nicholson's wall

which is edged by a line of giant urns of differing sizes deliberately jumbled to add to the visual confusion. To the left a tunnel cuts through a small dark space and leads to what must be Jellicoe's triumph, the Nicholson Wall.

Here in a relatively small sunken space surrounded by yew hedges lies a still pool designed by Gertrude Jellicoe. At the end of this pool stands Ben Nicholson's spectacular marble wall.

In this tiny space, open to the sky, is achieved the most eloquent expression of the

gentius loci, that elusive element which has fascinated garden-makers for centuries. Its strength is manifest in its simplicity. Sculpture and the art of gardening coalesce, inviting extreme contemplative repose. It is a grand and austere monument to the 20th century and an apt place to conclude our journey across 400 years of garden making.

Sutton Place, near Guildford, Surrey. Open all year, the garden can only be visited by appointment. Guided tours can, however, be arranged at short notice by telephoning 0483 504455.

Bountiful beauties of the strawberry bed

Strawberries can be grown anywhere with good light where they can attract insects to pollinate the flowers.

Select a site not overshadowed by trees nor on the north side of a tall building or hedge. Sloping ground facing south or south-west is best, and shelter from the cold east and north winds will bring more insects and protect the flowers from late frosts. Strawberries require ample moisture during the growing season, and when the fruits are swelling.

They can be planted any time between now and the middle of November. September planting gives enough time for a crop next year.

Preparation of the ground is essential. Dig the site the full

depth of a spade and if there is any suggestion of a hard pan, fork over the bottom of the trench as well. Surplus water must drain away quickly.

Manure, well-rotted and preferably farmyard, should be shovelled small, added to the surface of the ground and forked into the top six inches. A liberal ground covering is required. Other organic matter is acceptable as a substitute but the ground would be more likely to need feeding in the early stages of plant growth.

Plant firmly with a trowel. Make a V-shaped hole in the ground, with one side of the V as upright as possible. Place the base of the crown at the edge of the hole so that all the roots are below ground and the crown

just above the surface. Half-fill the hole and firm, then complete the filling and firm again. As a general rule the rows should be between 2ft 6in and 3ft apart. The plants in the rows 12 to 15in apart. It is usual to let strawberries produce for three years.

Royal Sovereign is probably still the best-known strawberry and is recognized as having the best flavour, but it is neither a heavy cropper nor long-lived. Its berries are not as big as some varieties. Cambridge Favourite crops very well and has a medium-sized berry. Its flavour is good but not as good as Royal Sovereign. Both are mid-season croppers.

Cambridge Vigour is an early-summer, heavy cropper but is

not long-lived. Its flavour is good. Regent ripens in the same season and bears masses of fruit but its leaves are much to be desired.

Recent introductions include Domanil, a late summer cropper giving heavy yields and good flavour. Tamella, a variety for the small garden, has heavy yields with a good flavour. Panagruella gives good crops from compact plants. Flavour is good. Grandee gives enormous berries and there is a fairly heavy crop once the plant is established. Flavour is only fair.

Plants can be obtained from Ken Muir, Honeycot Farm, Wexley Heath, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO16 9BJ.

Ashley Stephenson

Paperbacks

Back to the most uncivil Waugh

Evelyn Waugh: Portrait of a Neighbour by Frances Donaldson (Weidenfeld paperbacks, £4.95)

Frances Donaldson first published her memoir of Evelyn Waugh in 1967, the year after he died. Since then the Waugh industry has established itself: the letters, diaries and journals of Waugh himself have been collected in hefty volumes. Christopher Sykes's excellent personal account failed to satisfy as the official biography, so another is in preparation; recently the mediocre books about his work seem to be giving way to something wilder, sillier and more entertaining.

What a relief to get back to the clear, truthful voice of Frances Donaldson who knew him exactly as she says, as a neighbour in Somerset. After a nerve-racking but successful first dinner, at which Jack (now Lord) Donaldson fortunately opted to wear a dinner-jacket (which was unusual in Gloucestershire in 1948), there were shared expeditions to take children out, a brief trip to Belgium.

There is no claim to profundity or omniscience and the only important event of which Lady Donaldson had firsthand knowledge was the ordeal of Mrs Gilbert Pinfield: Laura Waugh confided in her when Lord Waugh began to send strange, not to say mad, letters from the boat on which he was sailing to Colombo. He was in fact having a drug-induced breakdown. This account helps to clarify the muddled incidents.

Otherwise she simply de-



Waugh and friends: lonely and bored at home in Somerset

scribes the man she knew, his house and family in the background. She found him frightening, bigoted, above all bored and a constant pleasure to meet. He had already cut himself off from many interesting people and estranged many more by what they felt to be snubs or insults. He was reduced, for instance, to going to the local cinema twice a week without inquiring as to what was playing, and to making a great number of funny jokes.

Lady Donaldson gets point after point right - that he was uninterested in flattery to an

almost unique degree, that his work is impossible to parody, that his stories "even if they were improved upon, were invariably founded on fact".

There is only one shocking statement in this admirable book and that is about Lady Donaldson, who has since been the official biographer of P. G. Wodehouse. "Although I had known Plumy Wodehouse most of my life... I have never been able to read his books. I cannot see the point of them". It was bold indeed to let that admission stand.

Mark Amory

Nights at the Circus by Angela Carter (Picador £3.50)
Machine Dreams by Jayne Anna Phillips (Faber £2.95)
The Cut-Rate Kingdom by Thomas Keneally (Penguin £2.95)

Packed with events extraordinary, teeming with intellectual tricks, Nights at the Circus is both improbable and convincing. The heroine is a circus star called Fevers, who can fly. She is huge, cockney, and captivating. A sceptical American journalist forges his doubts, and follows the circus to Russia. Clowns and whores mingle as ideas, including sophisticated feminist ones, and poetically and theatrically dramatised in marvellous fashion. The prose is graphically descriptive, the scenes brilliantly visual but occasionally Ms Carter spells out her ideas too much.

Machine Dreams is the story of an American family from 1946 to 1972. The couple marry too quickly, his concrete business fails, times can be hard, winter very cold, and the children become adult just as Vietnam is breaking on the horizon. The dreamy insularity of small town America is cracked apart. The novel suggests the private experience of an entire generation - astonishing first work.

In The Cut-Rate Kingdom, Keneally again writes about the Second World War. Far from the concentration camps of Schindler's Ark (Booker Prize winner, 1982), the Australians fear Japanese invasion. Johnny Mulhall, the fictive prime minister, deals with authentic political quandaries. In the hot days and nights, amid cups of scalding tea, scenes of deftly observed political manoeuvring take place. Briefly we glimpse fighting in the New Guinea jungle, but for much of the time the plot moves at an amiable snail's pace.

Kathy O'Shaughnessy

Aristocrat for those in need

Shaftesbury - The Poor Man's Earl by John Pollock (Hodder & Stoughton £4.95)

In the history of social reform in England no name compares with that of the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury. In the sheer length of his labours and range of his achievements, he stands on a pedestal from which he is unlikely ever to be deposed. His special devotion to the neediest and the outcasts, and his repeated rejection of Cabinet office, add to his glory.

John Pollock has written a short but vivid and inspiring biography which should encourage many lesser mortals than Shaftesbury to resolve to do likewise.

Born in 1801, the young Lord

Ashley, MP, became involved with pauper lunatics in 1827. A year later he became chairman of the Metropolitan Commissioners in Lunacy - a post he occupied with one short break for 57 years until his death. Perhaps of all his causes, the Ragged Schools over which he presided for 40 years were nearest his heart.

Anyone who knows 19th-century history could not fail to be struck by the plain that Shaftesbury was intensely critical of the 1870 Education Act. He had no doubt it would be a change for the worse. On the other hand Pollock is remarkably lenient towards Shaftesbury's unfavourable reaction to the beginnings of the welfare state.

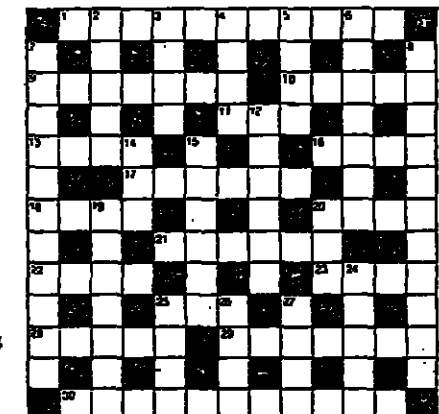
Frank Longford

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 748)

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, September 19 1985. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9ET. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, September 21 1985.

- ACROSS
- Cuban leader (5,6)
 - Copy (7)
 - Parish priest (5)
 - 22° deg (11,11)
 - Paper currency (4)
 - Gossip (5)
 - Occupant's payment (6)
 - Listen (4)
 - Astound (4)
 - Food lump (6)
 - Coveit (4)
 - Aid in crime (4)
 - Maori dance (3)
 - Essential (5)
 - Counterweight well (7)
 - Legendary priest king (7,3)

- DOWN
- Contribution (5)
 - Ireland (4)
 - Herring measure (4)
 - Preserve (4)
 - Tennis bat (7)
 - Unauthorized absence (6,5)
 - Solidified by cold (5,5)
 - Almost (6)
 - Aircraftman (3)
 - Entirely (2,4)
 - Ship plate worker (7)
 - Mineral spring (3)
 - Meat soup (5)
 - As well (4)
 - Small island (4)
 - Mecca pilgrimage (4)



SOLUTION TO No 747
ACROSS: 1 Banner 5 Uphost 8 End 9 Nibble 10 Drench 11 Chic 12 European 14 Famous 17 Posada 19 Abu Dhabi 22 Jago 24 Strata 25 Tumb 26 GWR 27 Trite 28 Savage
DOWN: 2 Amish 3 Tobacco 4 Reckers 5 Udder 6 Sweep 7 Orchard 10 Ohio 15 Arbitr 16 Ugh 17 Phillie 18 Swimmer 20 Dwarf 21 Adage 23 Going

The winners of prize concise No 742 are: G. C. Harvey, Headley Close, West Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, and Mrs I. F. Tomlins, Mount Lodge, Shepherds Hill, London.

SOLUTION TO No 742 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Osteopathic 9 Ordinal 10 Buffalo 11 HMS 13 Puma 16 Grin 17 Salary 18 Cask 20 Golf 21 Loyola 22 Dead 23 Gaze 25 Ads 26 Scurr 29 Lexicon 30 Zauberkette
DOWN: 2 Sedum 3 Ernie 4 Pili 5 Tabs 6 Inferno 7 Compact disc 8 John of Gault 12 Harrow 14 Ask 15 Almond 19 Stamina 20 Gag 24 Ascor 25 Arab 26 Slur 27 Axil

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BRIDGE

When expert timing wins the day

Hands which demand expert technique are infrequent, but especially rewarding when they occur. The first example is from the Swiss tournament in Crans-sur-Serre, which invariably attracts a strong international entry.

Teams: North-South game. Dealer East.

W N E S
♠ J32 ♠ J35 ♠ 62 ♠ K10985
♥ K7 ♥ 895 ♥ 62 ♥ A43
♦ A985 ♦ 1095 ♦ 1095 ♦ 1095

W N E S
♠ 24(1) ♠ 24(1) ♠ 47 ♠ 47
♥ Double No No 47
♦ Double No No 47
(1) A weak two bid. Opening lead ♠A

West led the ♠A and switched to the ♠8, which East overlooked with the ♠9. South was faced with a difficult decision.

Correctly deciding that East would have taken advantage of the vulnerability to open with a full-blooded pre-emptive bid if he had seven spades, South played low. It was the critical first move in a well-conceived plan.

East returned a spade and South was doubtless relieved when West followed suit. A diamond to dummy's ♠A was followed by the second key play, the ♠1 from dummy, discarding

his losing diamond. East returned a trump, which was as good as anything, but South won in dummy, ruffed a diamond, and crossed to dummy with a trump to ruff a second diamond. After a club ruff and another diamond ruff, dummy was high. Defence missed a difficult chance. Had East returned a trump rather than a spade at trick three, it would have fatally disturbed South's timing.

The second hand is from a rubber I played against Zia Mahmood. It was typical of many such encounters. Zia had had an unhappy early adventure which had cost 700, but he immediately regained the lost ground when he bid and made a small slam. Then his partner played in two spades, making eight tricks.

This was the fourth hand. Rubber Bridge. North-South game +60. Dealer South.

W N E S
♠ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♥ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♦ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♣ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75

W N E S
♠ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♥ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♦ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♣ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75

W N E S
♠ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♥ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♦ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♣ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75

There are some stolid alternatives to six diamonds, but they would not appeal to Zia. Zia won East's ♠Q with the ♠A, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade. If the ♠K was a true card, it would be impossible to establish the spades. A cross ruff would also fail because I would ruff any heart and play a trump. So Zia returned to hand with the ♠J to ruff a spade with dummy's ♠10, while East discarded a heart. When Zia played a club, East rose with the ♠A which Zia ruffed. A further spade ruff and a club ruff in hand left this five card ending:

W N E S
♠ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♥ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♦ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75
♣ J10 ♠ J10 ♠ 75 ♠ 75

Zia drew my trumps, parting with two of dummy's clubs. Then he crossed to dummy's ♠10 and played a club, using East's ♠K as a stepping stone to enjoy his remaining winning heart.

"Lucky to find four diamonds in dummy", a spectator observed.

True, but he had to play it well.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Champion of crushing endurance

1 series on former world chess champions continues with a look at Emanuel Lasker

Lasker is undoubtedly the most eminent representative of the outstanding German school of chess, which numbers Anderssen, Tarrasch, Unzicker and Hübner. Furthermore, he has claims to being the greatest World Champion of the 19th century, for he held the title a record 27 years, defended it regularly against powerful opponents and won virtually every first class tournament in which he competed throughout this period.

Lasker's style was universal; his openings unpretentious; as White he favoured the Exchange Variation of the Ruy Lopez, and as Black, the Orthodox Defence to the Queen's Gambit. He was capable of summoning up immense complications in the middlegame and, if his opponent survived this dangerous phase, he ground on in long, equal endgames until the victim was finally worn down.

In 1894, Lasker heralded in his reign by crushing Steinitz 12-7. Here is an illustration of the superiority he demonstrated over the aged champion in all departments of the game - opening theory, middlegame strategy and concluding tactics: White: Steinitz. Black: Lasker. Game 10, World Championship.

Philadelphia 1894.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K3

3 N-QB3 N-KB3 4 B-B3

No modern player would countenance this ludicrously premature attempt to seize

control of the centre by means of P-K4. All the move achieves

is to weaken White's King wing

and deprive White's Knight of

its best square on KB3.

4 P-P3 P-P3 5 P-P3 P-P3

At least this move effects an

exchange of Queens which

alleviates some of the pressure

on White's position. The disadvantage, of course, is that

Steinitz now contracts split

pawns on the Queen's Rook and

Queen's Bishop files.

6 P-P3 P-P3 7 P-P3 P-P3

Here and on his next turn,

White should have preferred B-K3.

17 P-P3 P-P3 18 P-P3 P-P3

19 P-P3 P-P3 20 P-P3 P-P3

21 P-P3 P-P3 22 P-P3 P-P3

23 P-P3 P-P3 24 P-P3 P-P3

25 P-P3 P-P3 26 P-P3 P-P3

27 P-P3 P-P3 28 P-P3 P-P3

29 P-P3 P-P3 30 P-P3 P-P3

31 P-P3 P-P3 32 P-P3 P-P3

33 P-P3 P-P3 34 P-P3 P-P3

35 P-P3 P-P3 36 P-P3 P-P3

37 P-P3 P-P3 38 P-P3 P-P3

39 P-P3 P-P3 40 P-P3 P-P3

41 P-P3 P-P3 42 P-P3 P-P3

43 P-P3 P-P3 44 P-P3 P-P3

45 P-P3 P-P3 46 P-P3 P-P3

47 P-P3 P-P3 48 P-P3 P-P3

49 P-P3 P-P3 50 P-P3 P-P3

51 P-P3 P-P3 52 P-P3 P-P3

53 P-P3 P-P3 54 P-P3 P-P3

55 P-P3 P-P3 56 P-P3 P-P3

57 P-P3 P-P3 58 P-P3 P-P3

59 P-P3 P-P3 60 P-P3 P-P3

61 P-P3 P-P3 62 P-P3 P-P3

63 P-P3 P-P3 64 P-P3 P-P3

65 P-P3 P-P3 66 P-P3 P-P3

Losing by force. In the face of

Black's mighty concentration

in the Queen's Bishop and

Queen's files, Steinitz should

have tried 21 K-N2! N-R4 and

only now 22 N-B2!

21 P-P3 P-P3 22 P-P3 P-P3

23 P-P3 P-P3 24 P-P3 P-P3

25 P-P3 P-P3 26 P-P3 P-P3

27 P-P3 P-P3 28 P-P3 P-P3

29 P-P3 P-P3 30 P-P3 P-P3

31 P-P3 P-P3 32 P-P3 P-P3

33 P-P3 P-P3 34 P-P3 P-P3

35 P-P3 P-P3 36 P-P3 P-P3

37 P-P3 P-P3 38 P-P3 P-P3

39 P-P3 P-P3 40 P-P3 P-P3

41 P-P3 P-P3 42 P-P3 P-P3

43 P-P3 P-P3 44 P-P3 P-P3

45 P-P3 P-P3 46 P-P3 P-P3

47 P-P3 P-P3 48 P-P3 P-P3

49 P-P3 P-P3 50 P-P3 P-P3

51 P-P3 P-P3 52 P-P3 P-P3

53 P-P3 P-P3 54 P-P3 P-P3

55 P-P3 P-P3 56 P-P3 P-P3

57 P-P3 P-P3 58 P-P3 P-P3

59 P-P3 P-P3 60 P-P3 P-P3

61 P-P3 P-P3 62 P-P3 P-P3

63 P-P3 P-P3 64 P-P3 P-P3

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Reagan finds a rainbow among the storm clouds

The dollar came under strong pressure yesterday after the release of confusing economic data which the White House hailed as a sign of renewed growth, but others saw as harbingers of doom.

United States Commerce Department officials announced that retail sales rose sharply last month by 1.9 per cent to a near record, largely because of a surge in car sales. But industrial production in August increased less than expected, by only 0.3 per cent, and officials revised downwards the July production figures to show no growth at all. Inflation, as measured by the producer price index for goods at the wholesale level, remained low, prices dropped 0.3 per cent last month, as a result of widespread declines in food and energy prices.

Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said after meeting President Reagan at the White House that the new figures confirmed his earlier forecast of stronger second-half growth of 5 per cent. And the President issued his own statement in response to the August figures, citing them as "further evidence of the miraculous powers of American enterprise". The President used the occasion to build support of his programmes, promising to "unleash a decade of growth and create 10 million jobs over the next four years" if Congress agrees to cut taxes, reduce government spending further and support free trade.

The White House clearly hoped to convince nervous financial markets that the US economy was throwing off recession while inflation, despite a recent surge in the money supply, was no longer a threat.

But Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige took the view yesterday that the burst in consumer spending which fuelled August sales would begin to slow significantly. In his view, based on the recent surveys of consumer confidence, spending would continue at a more modest rate; particularly if the national savings rate rises from its current low level.

Analysts took the view that the rise in retail sales did not present a clear picture of the economy because of the heavy emphasis on car sales. These were caused by an aggressive campaign among the big car companies which offered special low-cost financing incentives last month. Excluding car sales, retail sales rose by only 0.4 per cent.

At the same time, Wall Street analysts were disappointed by the sluggish growth last month in industrial output, following the news earlier in the week that businesses had scaled back their capital spending plans for the second half of the year.

Judging by the reaction of the currency markets, one would think that the US economy accelerated and slowed like a Mini rather than the massive juggernaut it more closely resembles. At any rate, yesterday's statistics sent the dollar down as the market yet again reassessed American growth. Against the mark, the dollar fell by over three pence in London yesterday. Sterling, benefiting from attractive British interest rates, came into its own - closing 1.45 cents up at \$1.3355 in London and 0.8 up at 81.0 on the sterling index.

Pru adds to doubts over Fowler plan

Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, must be a worried man. His proposal to phase out the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme is finding scant support, even among those originally expected to benefit most from the change - in the life insurance sector.

Prudential Corporation, the largest life office in the land, yesterday complained that the Government's proposed system would involve administrative complexities that will outweigh the benefits of change. It would be virtually impossible for insurance companies and employers to gear up by April, 1987, to operate a compulsory system of personal money

purchase-pensions. The cost of handling so many tiny investments would also be vast, either whittling down pension benefits or making it uneconomic for insurance companies to enter the field at all.

The essence of the problem is a proposal that the new personal pensions must be compulsory. To help Mr Fowler off the political hook, the Pru suggests a simplification. Drop the compulsory system, at least for a while, and let employers meet pension requirements through group schemes if they want. This would at least give employers and the insurance industry time to develop economic and workable arrangements to run a more sophisticated personal pension system later on.

Thatcher goes soft on export loans

After two years of lobbying, big project exporters have won a commitment from the Government that Britain is going into the soft loan business. The point seems to have been made most convincingly to Mrs Thatcher in Indonesia which was asking for 25-year loans at 3½ per cent with a seven-year grace period. Such demands, mirrored in other potential markets, made it clear that British project exporters would not get far without help.

The questions remain. Where is the money coming from and how will the scheme work? The idea is that the City should put up the loans, with cash from the Aid and Trade Provision (ATP) budget being used to subsidize the difference between soft loan terms and commercial rates.

The exact mechanism is to be announced in two weeks and there are already noises from the banks that they will need longer-term guarantees and might not want to lend long-term money through the Government at fixed rates.

City participation will slim the public spending cost. But the Overseas Development Administration's current ATP budget of £66 million is already committed this year and substantially spoken for in the next year. This will have to rise, probably at the expense of straight aid to the most needy countries, unless the Trade Department is prepared to switch some of its own budget to the task. This would be easier if ATP is switched to the Department from the ODA.

Prime time for Thames TV?

Will it be third time lucky for Thames Television? The largest of the 15 independent television companies has hired Baring Brothers to advise on a hoped-for stock market flotation early next year. If all goes well, the two main shareholders in Thames, BET and Thorn EMI, will each sell 10 per cent of the Thames equity to the public. That would be music indeed for Thorn, which is anxious both to bolster its finances and put a value on unquoted assets in case a takeover bidder happens along.

BET is also in the middle of a general sort-out of its interests. The remaining employee shareholders would no doubt welcome a quotation, which Thames promised to seek when its franchise for London weekday programming was renewed by the IBA in 1981.

Two previous attempts to come to the market were cancelled because of unfavourable conditions for television company shares. The present climate might not seem ideal with the future of advertising on the BBC awaiting the deliberations of the Peacock committee.

In any case, Thames will be an interesting animal to value. In the year to March, the company made £8.7 million pretax profits (down from £13.5 million) on £170 million revenue. But that depended on a £13.6 million contribution from international programme sales. British television operations made a £4.8 million loss.

Bank's team trims JMB in search for sale next year

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Michael Prest

The management team brought in last year to clean up Johnson Matthey Bankers has managed to cut the bank's commercial exposures by almost £100 million. The figure includes both reductions in loans to customers and cancellation of contingent liabilities and has brought the loan book, including guarantees, down to about £400 million.

There have been substantial repayments by some borrowers, particularly on the property side, which was one of the few reasonably sound parts of JMB's portfolio. Steps have also been taken to improve security backing loans.

Improvements in the loan book have enabled JMB, now headed by Mr Rodney Galpin from the Bank of England to revise downwards the required level of bad debt provisions by about £30 million.

At present bad debts are put at about £220 million, compared with £248 million at one stage. However, the bank's huge indirect exposure to Nigeria is a

big worry and it is possible provisions in this area may be increased.

Most of the Nigerian exposure arises from JMB's relationship with a string of poorly capitalized confirming houses in London, which are owed large sums by Nigerian debtors.

Much of the lending should have been insured through the Export Credits Guarantee Department, but frequently correct procedures were not followed and there is considerable doubt over how much of this supposedly insured debt will turn out to be properly covered. The coup in Nigeria has also added to the uncertainty.

So far JMB managed to reduce its Nigerian exposure from £120 million to about £90 million and provisions have been made against a large part of this. But the management is now reassessing the picture and it is possible that provisions in this area could be bumped up by a further £10 million.



Rodney Galpin: big cuts in JMB's loan book

Despite the progress in sorting out JMB, it is likely to be months before the Bank of England recoups any of the money it has had to pump into JMB by selling it back to the private sector. A sale this year now looks out of the question. The view within JMB is that it is conceivable within the next 12 months.

Carpet group faces bid battle

By Cliff Feltham

A possible counter-offer for the British carpet-making business of Carpets International was unveiled last night only hours after the John Crowther textile group had agreed to buy the business. It came from PMA, a private Hartlepool yarn processing company.

The Huddersfield-based Crowther had announced plans to take over the Carpets International business - best known for its Crossley, Kosset and Gilt Edge names - for £7.1 million.

Along with the separate acquisition for £2.7 million of Weavercraft, a private carpet business built up by Mr Michael

Abrahams, it would have created a new force in the carpet industry with sales of £90 million and a 4,000 workforce.

PMA, headed by Mr Robert Taylor aged 40, and advised by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, announced possible plans to make a higher offer.

Mr Robert Shrager, of Morgan Grenfell said: "It is obviously a huge financial undertaking because PMA is a private business, but we would not have made the announcement if we had not been confident of raising the funds."

Mr Taylor, who once worked with the Dutch textile firm Akzo, began PMA in 1975, and

its latest profits were £1 million on sales of £9.5 million. The business operates from a modern 50-acre site.

The key to the move by PMA will be the reaction of the US tiles group Interface, which owns 41 per cent of Carpets International.

The announcement will come as a blow to Mr Trevor Barker, chairman of Crowther, who has spent the past nine months putting together a deal.

He would have brought under one umbrella a carpet group with six factories - the main Carpets plant at Kidderminster employs 2,000.

Lord John shops sold to Hepworth

By Patience Wheatcroft

J Hepworth & Son is to buy the bulk of Raybeck's loss-making retailing interests in a deal which will bring its fast-growing Next fashion chain more than 100 new shops.

Hepworth, whose fortunes have been transformed by Next, is to pay around £11.5 million for the Lord John, Lady at Lord John and Werff businesses. Essentially, this is a property transaction which will give the space-hungry Next up to another 104 stores, four of them in London's Oxford Street.

Raybeck has failed to get its retailing recipe right and blamed its poor high street performance for a £1.17 million loss in the year to the end of January.

"It was very bad management," Raybeck's retail director, Mr Leonard Druckman, admitted yesterday. So Raybeck, whose retail ambitions once ran to buying the vast Boots & Toffinworth Store in Oxford Street, has gradually been selling shops.

Earlier this year it sold a Lord John store in Regent Street to Laura Ashley. Next, which like Ashley has moved from fashion to furnishings, decided to move quickly when it realized the rest of the stores were likely to be sold.

According to Next's founder, Hepworth's chief executive, Mr George Davies, the deal took less than a fortnight to conclude. It will be funded by a vendor placing of 4.75 million shares, amounting to 3.3 per cent of Hepworth's enlarged share capital.

Hepworth is acquiring the business, complete with around £25 million of stock and a similar level of debts, but intends turning the majority into Next outlets as quickly as possible.

Smaller stores may be used just for Next accessories, including an imminent range of cosmetics, while the larger ones may be turned over to Next Interiors, which already has 20 branches.

Raybeck, long vaunted as a takeover possibility, is now left with the Bernetex concessions and some manufacturing companies.

KLP buys database firm

KLP Group, Britain's biggest independent sales promotion group, is to buy Systems Market Link, which supplies computerized database services to the motor industry. The final price depends on SML's future performance and is expected to be about £1.3 million with a ceiling of £2 million.

KLP Group has been expanding fast through acquisitions recently. Last month it paid £2.1 million for Odhams Leisure Group.

In a separate development, the British arm of A.C. Nielsen, the world's largest marketing research company, announced it was buying Stax (M.R.) of Birmingham, which provides continuous research services for more than 100 clients, including Allied Breweries.

The price of the deal is not being disclosed.

Ailing Bank of America sells HQ

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

BankAmerica is to sell its world headquarters in San Francisco in the latest of a series of moves to counter loan losses, low growth and doubts over the strength of realizable assets.

A letter of intent has been signed to sell the 52-storey, 1.8 million sq ft complex to Walter H Shorenstein for \$660 million (£500 million), claimed to be the highest price ever paid in the United States for one building.

BankAmerica will lease back 60 per cent of the bank tower, the largest building in San Francisco, as well as the adjoining building included in the deal.

The former Bank of America has progressively lost ground against Citicorp of New York, once its only rival as the world's largest bank. In the latest league tables, BankAmerica has slipped to fourth place behind the two leading Japanese banks. It has suffered several shocks this year, culminating in the announcement of a \$338 million second-quarter loss.

IN BRIEF

Maynards studies bid

Maynards, the confectionery and toy shop chain, was last night still considering the £20 million takeover bid from Ward White, the footwear and H&M motor spares group.

Mr Philip Birch, the Ward White chairman, said he was pleased his 400p a share offer had not been dismissed out of hand and Mr Bob Ramsdale, the Maynard's chief, admitted the offer was "a lot more generous" than the failed bid last year from Mr Lew Cartier, the former supermarket boss. Maynard's shares closed 80p up at 415p.

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Offer extended

Acceptances of the offer by Hawley Group for certain Kean and Scott shares have been received for 16,356,949 ordinary shares (83.53 per cent of the shares which are the subject of the offer and 14.64 per cent of the existing issued share capital). The offer has been extended until 3pm on October 3.

Guinness swap

Guinness is offering to exchange its own loan stock for that of Arthur Bell & Sons, its new subsidiary. For every £100 nominal of Bell 9.5 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1999/2001, Guinness is offering £323.52 of its 8½ per cent 1996/2001 unsecured stock, or a package of 99.84 Guinness shares plus £66.14 of the loan stock, or £66.14 cash.

ITT Corporation said yesterday it had sold Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corporation to an affiliate of the United States Borax & Chemical Corporation of Los Angeles, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto-Zinc, corporation, for about \$80 million (£60.5 million) as part of its \$1.7 billion asset redeployment programme.

Delta ahead

Delta, the cables manufacturer, lifted profits from £20 million to £26.6 million before tax in the six months to June 29. Turnover was up from £293 million to £305 million, and the interim dividend is 0.5p higher at 2.4p.

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Olivetti soars

Olivetti, the Italian electronics and office equipment group, announced a 33.1 per cent rise in group profits to 2,501.5 billion lire (£1 billion) in the first six months of this year.

Inflow fall for building societies

By Richard Thomson

The flow of money into building societies fell last month but, after allowing for seasonal adjustments, it was stronger than for most months of this year.

Building Societies Association figures, announced yesterday, showed that the net inflow fell £1.2m to £524 million in August compared with £650 million in July, but almost all the fall was the result of investors withdrawing money to buy new cars.

Allowing for this seasonal factor, the net inflow strengthened in comparison to the earlier part of the year after the August adjustment in interest rates, which brought building societies' rates into line with other savings rates.

An association spokesman said that a significant improvement in net inflow to around £700 million was expected for September, better than for any previous month this year.

Mortgage lending in August slackened as potential borrowers went on holiday. Total loans fell by £169,000 to £2.23 billion.

Stockley plans veto

For nearly five months Stockley has been an unwilling holder of 26 per cent of Stock Conversion's shares. Now Stockley has decided to use its voting power to veto Stock Conversion's efforts to give more power to the board and

the result is likely to be a row between the two property companies.

At an extraordinary meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Stock Conversion shareholders are to vote on a composite resolution

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS	
FT Ind Ord	1011.9 (-2.1)
FT All Share	634.41 (-1.37)
FT Govt Securities	82.94 (+0.20)
FT-SE 100	1308.6 (-4.5)
Bargains	23,742
Datavest USM	107.21 (+0.12)
New York	
Dow Jones	1305.43 (-6.94)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12585.70 (-17.34)
Hong Kong	
Hang Seng	1,605.84 (+9.42)
Amsterdam	220.3 (-2.7)
Sydney: AO	983.2 (-2.7)
Frankfurt	
Commerzbank	1,507.6 (-15.7)
Basle	
General	425.08 (+2.29)
Paris: CAC	219.9 (+0.01)
Zurich	
SKA General	418.50 (+0.01)
GOLD	
London fixing	an \$321.75pm \$321.30
Close \$320.50 \$239.75	
New York	
Comex \$320.85	
MAIN PRICE CHANGES	
RISES:	
Maynards	415p +80p
Somportax	88p +18p
Audiologic	3p +1p
Sycamore Hlds	3p +1p
Monument Oil & Gas	10p +2p
SelectTV	10p +1p
Bio-Isolates	31p +3p
DPCE Hlds	425p +35p
Comb Tech Corp	12½p +1p
Polytechnic Elec	185p +10p
Geers Gross	82p +6p
American El Comp	21½p +1½p
Hestair	10½p +2½p
Raybeck	37½p +2½p
Dupont	46p +3p
Morris Fine Art	32p +2p
Guinness Peat	69p +4p
A. F. Bulgin	18p +1p
Andre de Brett	18p +1p
Canon St Inv	58p +3p
Senior Eng	29½p +1½p
FALLS:	
British Mohair	125p -24p
Memoon Int	80p -10p
CIFER	10p -1p
A&G Sec Eln	48p -4p
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London:	
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INTEREST RATES	
London:	
Bank Base: 11½%	
3-month Interbank 11½%-11¾%	
3-month eligible bills 11¾%-11½%	
buying rate	
US:	
Prime Rate 9.50%	
Federal Funds 7½%	
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THE WEEK AHEAD



FILMS

KELLY'S EYE: Gloria Swanson plays the title role in *Queen Kelly*, the majestically potty silent film with which Erich von Stroheim ended his directing career in 1927. She is a convent girl who finds her niche in an African brothel; this print restores long-lost material. Everyman (01-435 1525) from Fri.



CONCERTS

LION'S DEN: Daniel Barenboim forsakes the keyboard for the baton, conducting the English Chamber Orchestra in the Saint-Saëns cello concerto and the more familiar Schubert Symphony No 5, Mozart Prague Symphony and *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*. Barbican Centre (01-628 8795), Thurs 7.45pm.



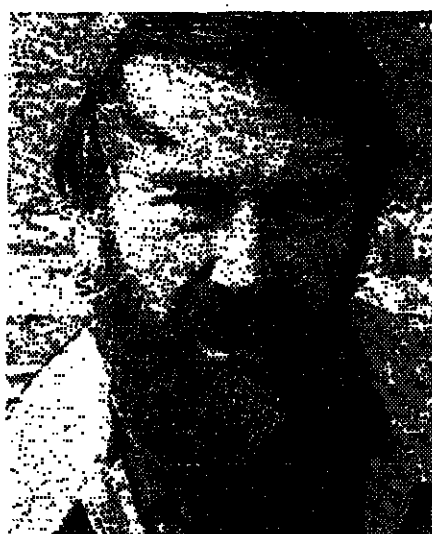
RADIO

STAR CAST: Robert Stephens plays *Uncle Vanya* in a version of the Chekhov play by Christopher Hampton. Supporting him in the sort of cast that a theatre manager would drool over are Cheryl Campbell (Elena), Brenda Blethyn (Sonya) and Michael Gough (the Professor). Radio 3, tomorrow, 7.15-9.05pm.



THEATRE

DEBUTANTE: Amanda Waring, daughter of Dorothy Tutin, makes her West End debut as *Gigi* in the Lerner and Loewe musical specially adapted for the stage with four new songs. With Beryl Reid, Sian Phillips and, in the Maurice Chevalier role, Jean-Pierre Aumont. Lyric Theatre (01-437 3686), from Tues after previews.



BOOKS

SHAKING OUT: John Fowles has set his new novel, *A Maggot* (Cape, £9.95) in 1736 and the subject is non-conformism. A group of Shakers - a branch of the Quakers - suddenly disappears on a journey through Dorset. In a series of questions and answers, a magistrate tries to solve the mystery.



GALLERIES

COLOUR CODE: Howard Hodgkin lavishes colour on his work, not just to cover the ground but to build up many layers of texture and tone. He has two shows opening next week: prints 1977-83 at the Tate (01-821 1313) from Wed and paintings at the Whitechapel Gallery (01-377 0107) from Fri.

THE TIMES CHOICE

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

TORCH SONG TRILOGY: Antony Sher with Miriam Karlin, Rupert Fraser, Belinda Sinclair, in Harvey Fierstein's Tony Award-winning play, which has played three years on Broadway. Directed by Robert Allan Ackerman. Albery Theatre (01-636 3878). Previews from Thurs. Opens Oct 1.

WHO PLAYS WINS: Peter Skellern and Richard Stilgoe in a show of music and humour, directed by Mike Ockrent. Vaudeville (01-536 9988). Previews from Wed. Opens Sept 28.

OPENINGS

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Manuel Puig's own adaptation of his novel about a subversive and a man imprisoned for homosexual offences, sharing an Argentinian prison cell. Translated by Allan Baker. Simon Callow and Mark Rylands, directed by Simon Stokes. The Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, London W12 (01-743 3388). Previews Wed and Thurs. Opens Fri.

LARK RISE: Leicester Haymarket production of Keith Dewhurst's adaptation of the Flora Thompson novel *Lark Rise to Candleford*. Late 19th-century Oxfordshire village life, with the Albion Band providing the soundtrack. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Preview Wed. Opens Thurs.

THE LEMMINGS ARE COMING: John Gordon Sinclair (star of *Gregory's Girl*) and Robert Buchanan are among the young Scots in this tale of Glaswegians trying their luck in London. Directed by John Barend. Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (01-566 1176). Reviews today, Mon, Tues. Opens Wed.



HEAPSIDO: James Bofam (above) is the Elizabethan poet and playwright Robert Greene, in David Hare's production, in aid of the Ethiopian Appeal Fund. Prices (from £5 to £100) include contribution to appeal fund. Oct 6. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

WITCHCRAZE

Bryony Lavery's new play with the Women's Theatre Group looks at how women have been the victims of persecution as witches over four centuries. Battershall Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (01-223 8413). Opens Wed.

SELECTED

JUST A VERSE AND CHORUS: Roy Hudd and Billy Dainty star in a slick, well-produced celebration of the songs of Weston and Lee, who gave the world such classics as *Goodbye-ee!*, *My Word, You Do Look Queer* and *Paddy McGinty's Goat*. Churchill Theatre, High Street, Bromley, Kent (01-460 0677). Until Sep 21.

THE SEAQUILL: Vanessa Redgrave and Natasha Richardson join forces in a much improved transfer. Also with Jonathan Pryce as Trigrin in place of John Hurt. Queens (01-734 1166).

SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH: Brilliant revival of Tennessee Williams's doom-laden account of blighted dreams and frustrated ambition, starring Lauren Bacall and Michael Beck as the unsuited couple, and James Groux as the vengeful Boss Finley. Suburb production by Harold Pinter. Haymarket (01-930 8932).

OUT OF TOWN

BRIGHTON: The Dragon's Tail: Douglas Watkinson's comedy is having a pre London try-out. Penelope Keith, Mark Kingston, Robert Hines and Amanda Root, directed by Michael Rudman in a tale of two couples on a Welsh camping holiday. Theatre Royal (0273 28488). Opens Mon. Until Sept 28.

SHEFFIELD: Lennon: Revival, prior to a London run, for Bob Eaton's 1982 musical version of the life of John Lennon. With Mark McMan, who is also playing Lennon in the forthcoming film for the US NBC TV network. Directed by Clive Varables. Crucible (0742 79922). Public Dress Restaurant Fri. Second P.D.R. and opening Sept 21. Until Oct 5.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Othello: Ben Kingsley in the title role, with David Suchet as Iago. Niamh Cusack as Desdemona. Tom Mannon as Cassio, directed by Terry Hands. Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Thurs. Opens Sep 24. In repertory. Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Christopher Hampton's adaptation of Laclos's novel of 18th-century decadence, directed by Howard Davies. Lindsay Duncan, Alan Rickman, Lesley Manville, Fiona Shaw, Juliet Stevenson. The Other Place (0789 295623). Opens Wed. Press night Sept 25. In repertory.

FILMS

OPENINGS

THE OFFICIAL VERSION (15): Luis Puenzo's powerful film explores the plight of the children of the "disappeared ones" in Argentina; with Norma Aleandro (co-winner of the Best Actress prize at Cannes) as the questioning history teacher with an adopted daughter. From Fri at the Curzon West End (01-439 4805).

BODY DOUBLE (18): Brian DePalma's most lurid film yet - now a year old - features Craig Wasson as a hard-up actor caught up in murder and pornography with Gregg Henry, Melanie Griffith, and lots of Hitchcock overtones. From Fri at the Classic Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Classic Chelsea (01-352 5056). Classic Royal (01-930 6915).

MADE IN LONDON: The Museum of London's 10th series of British films, both famous and rare, begins



with the delicious Jessie Matthews (above) vehicle *It's Love Again* (Tues) and Powell and Pressburger's 1940 spy drama *Contraband* (Thurs). Twice weekly until Dec 12. Museum of London, London Wall (01-600 3699).

SELECTED

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN (15): An amusing frolic with Rosanna Arquette and rock star Madonna. Directed by Susan Seidelman. Classic Haymarket (01-938 1527). Warner West End (01-439 0781). Gaiety Bloomsbury (01-637 1177).

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (18): Four young friends find they share the same bloody nightmare. A compelling horror film - turbulent rather than gruesome - from Wes Craven. With Heather Langenkamp, Ronee Blakley. Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252).

DIM SUM (U): Wayne Wang's totally winning film humorously explores the emotional relationships in a Chinese-American family living in San Francisco. With Laurence Chow as

the daughter being pressured into marriage. Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366).

SUBWAY (15): Stylish, confident and foolish second feature from young director Luc Besson: a story of love, crime and rock music, set among the Paris Métro riff-raff, with Isabelle Adjani and Christopher Lambert. Lumière (01-836 0691). Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742).

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

ART WORK: Opportunity for either a browse or a marathon around the studios of artists and craftsmen in the Manchester area. Venues include Arch Art, Arch, 71 Trentham Street; City Art Gallery, Princess Street; Castlefield Gallery, off Deansgate. For information on all events ring John Gilchrist (061 205 5102) from today.

HIDDEN FRIENDS: Petrarch first nicknamed his books "Comités Latentes", or "hidden friends". This exhibition takes its title from a collection normally on loan anonymously to the Geneva's Bibliothèque Municipale. Illuminated manuscripts from the 9th to 16th centuries. Sotheby's, 34/35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080) from Fri.

THREE DECADES OF CONTEMPORARY ART: Celebration of gallery artists such as Christo and Gillian Ayres as part of Anneli Juda's 25th anniversary. Anneli Juda Fine Art, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 5517) from Tues.

DIDIER AARON: Inaugural British exhibition for prominent Paris art dealer, specializing in French furniture, paintings and objects d'art. Didier Aaron Ltd, 21 Ryder Street, London SW1 (01-639 4716) from Thurs.

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THE ART OF THE PAPERBACK: Exhibition of cover designs, mostly for Penguin Books, by Peter Brookes (of *The Times*), Paul Hogarth, Lawrence Myott and others. Clarendon Gallery, 8 Vigo Street, London W1 (01-439 4557) until Oct 14.

GWEN JOHN: Her brother Augustus once said, "Fifty years from now I shall be known as the brother of Gwen John". This exhibition should go a long way towards fulfilling his prophecy. Barbican Art Gallery, London EC2 (01-638 4141) until Nov 3.

THE EMPEROR'S WARRIORS: Silent presence of a different nature, from some of the life-size terracotta figures from the tomb of the first emperor of China. City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh (031-225 2424) until Nov 1.

Staging a week to remember



Next week there will be three Thursdays at Covent Garden, though none of them on Thursday. The week after there will be two. These seem relatively minor miracles from Karlheinz Stockhausen: the greater feat by far must have been to persuade the Royal Opera to stage his *Donnerstag aus Licht*, which thus becomes the first new foreign work for a considerable time to have been performed by the company after a premiere elsewhere.

Composer Karlheinz Stockhausen makes his debut

at Covent Garden

next week.

Paul Griffiths reports

There is plenty of room for a stunning visual treatment of the work, which Michael Bogdanov is directing as his first opera.

It is also Stockhausen's first opera (and his first work to be performed at Covent Garden), though written when he was already in his fifties. Thirty years ago, when he was just becoming known as a leader of the international avant-garde with works like *Kontinuum* and *Gruppen*, he was a small, unassuming, unassuming figure, but he has since become a major force in the world of music.

He and his young colleagues saw themselves as founding a new kind of music, created according to strictly positivist principles and having relatively little to do with what had gone before. For a time he even felt it necessary to set out new rules for the game in each work: there was the combination of vocal and electronic sounds in *Gesang der Jünglinge* (1956), one of the few masterpieces of electronic music; the use of three orchestras around the audience in *Gruppen* (1957); and the dialogue of tape with piano and percussion in *Kontakte* (1960).

He is now inclined to refer to these works, too, as operatic, and certainly there has always been a strong streak of the theatrical, even of the vulgarly theatrical, in what he has done. That trait was not discouraged by the attention he began to receive in the mid-1960s, the start of the era of Karlheinz Stockhausen, superstar.

It seemed he might become a superior rock artist, touring the world with his chosen band of performers on electronic instruments. But in 1970 he began to write music again, without

losing his enormous confidence in himself as a visionary. *Licht*, the seemingly inevitable result of this, is simply the latest evidence of what his admirers have long had to accept: that along with the greatly gifted musician there went a greatly gifted showman as if Brahms and P.T. Barnum had existed inside the same skin.

They did - in the form of Liszt, with whom Stockhausen can be compared more closely than with any other predecessor. For though *Licht* might look like a remake of Wagner's *Ring*, it seems highly unlikely that it will have even the degree of consistency that once made Wagner's work a plausible *Uranian* - for which one may not be ungrateful, considering what happened to Wagner in later German hands. Much more does Stockhausen's magnum opus resemble Liszt's larger works in its combination of the marvellous with the banal, the surreal with the vulgar.

The combination is even deliberate. Right at the beginning of his career, when he was a pupil of Messiaen in 1952, Stockhausen discovered that he could learn from other cultures. *Donnerstag* has as much in common with Japanese temple ceremonies as with conventional notions of opera, besides borrowing from von Daniken-style puerile fantasy as well as from the Bible.

These are sources too diverse to be unified, and indeed *Donnerstag* positively revels in disparity. Much of it is presented with high, even laborious seriousness; particularly the slow instruction of the protagonist in the first act and the massive choral triumphs of the finale. But then there is also a good deal of that heavy-handed playfulness that has long been Stockhausen's.

The devil, for example, becomes increasingly clownish, and certainly in *Donnerstag* he does not get the best tunes: those belong to Michael and Eva. Their story, magnificent and naive, weird and comic, should make this a Thursday to remember.

Donnerstag aus Licht opens at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (01-240 1068) on Monday

ARTS DIARY

Blues at the jazz centre

The Manchester-based Jazz Centre North, the only public body devoted to the development in jazz between south Yorkshire and the Scottish border, may have to close next March. Founded in November 1983, it has been receiving a subsidy of £70,000 a year, of which the Arts Council contributes £40,600 and four northern arts bodies the remainder.

Now two of them have pulled out because they want to promote jazz in their own areas. The management committee, frustrated by the power-broking between the regions and the Arts Council, and claiming that the centre is impossible to run, are considering resignation. Peter Martin, a committee member, asks whether the Arts Council's commitment to it as "the vital spark in modern music" is genuine. The Council is sympathetic, but will only continue support if it is matched locally. Sounds like the makings of a vicious circle blues.

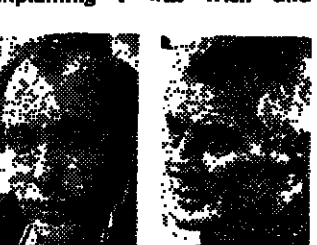
The rivals?

Two very different Othellos will be taking to the stage on the same night this autumn. The Royal Shakespeare Company opens its production at Stratford - with Ben Kingsley, David Suchet and Niamh Cusack in the lead roles - on September 24. Forty miles away the curtain goes up on a dance version by the Northern Ballet Theatre, at the Durgate Theatre, Northampton before transferring to London's Dominion on October 28 in the presence of Princess Anne.

The rival teams are taking it calmly - both Iagos and Desdemonas posed chummily together when the dancers visited Stratford last week.

Beckett bait

John Minihan - whose exhibition of photographs taken in his home town of Athy, Co. Kildare, starts at the Olympus Gallery on Monday - tells me how he met his hero, the elusive Nobel laureate Samuel Beckett. "I was turned away from the Hyde Park Hotel, where he was staying, so I wrote explaining I was Irish and



Minihan and Beckett

describing my work. Beckett came a message that Mr. Beckett would be very pleased just to see the photographs of the town's last wake". Beckett's fondness for funeral celebrations led to a photo session, and an enduring friendship. "He's invited me to Paris this autumn", says Minihan proudly, "but says I'm to leave the camera at home."

During her recent Austrian holiday Mrs Thatcher attended a performance of Monteverdi's *Il Rito di Ulisse in Patria* in Salzburg and remarked favourably on a stage effect, in which a huge blue sheet was stretched across the apron and agitated to resemble waves. "Remarkable what can be done with so little", she murmured approvingly. But did she know about the dozen choros boys waggling the sheet in the wings - all on full-time union pay?

A new beat

A postscript to Stockhausen's *Donnerstag aus Licht* (see left). The libretto calls for a finale in which five trumpeters blow asynchronous notes "from the roofs and balconies around the opera house square". The enterprising Covent Garden management is sitting its performers on the balcony of the Opera House, in the windows of Bow Street Police Station opposite and the top floor of an advertising agency. "The police were very helpful", a spokesperson told me. "I think they displayed a very nice community spirit."

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RAYDA: Special benefit performance of Howard Brenton and David Hare's production, in aid of the Ethiopian Appeal Fund. Prices (from £5 to £100) include contribution to appeal fund. Oct 6. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

BATH FESTIVAL WINTER SEASON: Booking open for the second season of celebrity concerts by Bath Festival in association with Bath City Council, including performances by European Baroque Orchestra, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Lute Group, and Takacs String Quartet. Sept 22-Feb 23, 1986. Details: Linley House, 1 Pierrepont

Place, Bath, Avon (0225 63062/64411).

INVITATION CONCERTS AT MAIDA VALE STUDIOS: Twentieth century music features in four concerts by BBC Symphony Orchestra with works by Iain Hamilton, Barber and Bliss, the British premiere of Joana Kokkonen's fourth symphony, and the world premiere of Christopher Del's piano concerto. Oct-Feb. Free. BBC Ticket Unit, Broadcasting House, London W1 (01-580 4468).

DANCE UMBRELLA '85: Seven weeks of international dance events in London, with associated regional events in Manchester, Bury, Warrington, Bristol, Oxford, Portsmouth, Glasgow, Peterborough, Swindon, Nottingham. More than 35 companies and soloists from Britain, the United States and Europe will take part. Oct 9-Dec 1. Dance Umbrella, 38-40 Harrington Road, London SW7 (01-589 0516).

HUNGARIAN ARTS IN GLASGOW: Season of exhibitions, concerts, theatre, film, and lectures organized in partnership with Budapest Ministry of Culture. Oct 5-Nov 9. Third Eye Centre, 350 Saughall Street, Glasgow (041 332 7521).

LAST CHANCE

THE HEART OF THE NATION: Son et lumière spanning the 500 years since the reign of Henry VIII. Rosemary Anne Sisson, and voices including John Gielgud, Robert Hardy, Penelope Keith. Proceeds in aid of SSAFA. Ends tonight. Horse Guards Parade, London. (01-222 9228).

SEDGEMOOR: John Fletcher's story of the Pitchfork Rebellion, the last battle on English soil, and the bloody azasses of the notorious Judge Jeffreys, told through the

eyes of two families torn apart by the civil war. Performance by Orchard Theatre touring company. Ends tonight. Merin Theatre, Frome, Somerset. (0373 65949).

INDIAN SUMMER: Exhibition evoking Cheltenham's connections with India during 19th century. When the spa attracted members from India, army and civil service. Costumes, medals and jewellery on display. Today and tomorrow. Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, Glos (0242 512740).

A COLLECTION IN THE MAKING: First London showing of the national collection of contemporary craftwork, representing the work of more than 200 makers. Ends tomorrow. Also work by writer and critic John Houston. Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, Lower Regent Street, London SW1 (01-930 4811).

BONINGTON, FRANCIA AND WYLD AND SAMUEL PROUT: Second in a series of exhibitions showing museum's collection of works by English watercolourists, accompanied by monographs on the artists. Ends tomorrow. Henry Cole Wing, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371).

MARTINE: John Fowles's translation of Jean-Jacques Bernard's romance about a young farm girl and a soldier returned from the war. Ends Tues. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Galleries: Sarah-Jane Checkland; Films: Geoff Brown; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse

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Reagan finds a rainbow among the storm clouds

The dollar came under strong pressure yesterday after the release of confusing economic data which the White House hailed as a sign of renewed growth but others saw as harbingers of doom.

United States Commerce Department officials announced that retail sales rose sharply last month by 1.9 per cent to a near record, largely because of a surge in car sales. But industrial production in August increased less than expected, by only 0.3 per cent, and officials revised downwards the July production figures to show no growth at all. Inflation, as measured by the producer price index for goods at the wholesale level, remained low: prices dropped 0.3 per cent last month, as a result of widespread declines in food and energy prices.

Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said after meeting President Reagan at the White House that the new figures confirmed his earlier forecast of stronger second-half growth of 5 per cent. And the President issued his own statement in response to the August figures, citing them as "further evidence of the miraculous powers of American enterprise". The President used the occasion to build support for his programme, promising to "unleash a decade of growth and create 10 million jobs over the next four years" if Congress agrees to cut taxes, reduce government spending further and support free trade.

The White House clearly hoped to convince nervous financial markets that the US economy was throwing off recession while inflation, despite a recent surge in the money supply, was no longer a threat.

But Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige took the view yesterday that the burst in consumer spending which fuelled August sales would begin to slow significantly. In his view, based on the recent surveys of consumer confidence, spending would continue at a more modest rate, particularly if the national savings rate rises from its current low level.

Analysts took the view that the rise in retail sales did not present a clear picture of the economy because of the heavy emphasis on car sales. These were caused by an aggressive campaign among the big car companies which offered special low-cost financing incentives last month. Excluding car sales, retail sales rose by only 0.4 per cent.

At the same time, Wall Street analysts were disappointed by the sluggish growth last month in industrial output, following the news earlier in the week that businesses had scaled back their capital spending plans for the second half of the year.

Judging by the reaction of the currency markets, one would think that the US economy accelerated and slowed like a Mini rather than the massive juggernaut it more closely resembles. At any rate, yesterday's statistics sent the dollar down as the market yet again reassessed American growth. Against the mark, the dollar fell by over three pence in London yesterday. Sterling, benefiting from attractive British interest rates, came into its own - closing 1.45 cents up at \$1.3355 in London and 0.8 up at 81.0 on the sterling index.

Pru adds to doubts over Fowler plan

Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, must be a worried man. His proposal to phase out the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme is finding scant support, even among those originally expected to benefit most from the change - in the life insurance sector.

Prudential Corporation, the largest life office in the land, yesterday complained that the Government's proposed system would involve administrative complexities that will outweigh the benefits of change. It would be virtually impossible for insurance companies and employers to gear up by April, 1987, to operate a compulsory system of personal money

purchase pensions. The cost of handling so many tiny investments would also be vast, either whittling down pension benefits or making it uneconomic for insurance companies to enter the field at all.

The essence of the problem is a proposal that the new personal pensions must be compulsory. To help Mr Fowler off the political hook, the Pru suggests a simplification. Drop the compulsory system, at least for a while, and let employers meet pension requirements through group schemes if they want. This would at least give employers and the insurance industry time to develop economic and workable arrangements to run a more sophisticated personal pension system later on.

Thatcher goes soft on export loans

After two years of lobbying, big project exporters have won a commitment from the Government that Britain is going into the soft loan business. The point seems to have been made most convincingly to Mrs Thatcher in Indonesia which was asking for 25-year loans at 3½ per cent with a seven-year grace period. Such demands, mirrored in other potential markets, made it clear that British project exporters would not get far without help.

The questions remain. Where is the money coming from and how will the scheme work? The idea is that the City should put up the loans, with cash from the Aid and Trade Provision (ATP) budget being used to subsidize the difference between soft loan terms and commercial rates.

The exact mechanism is to be announced in two weeks and there are already noises from the banks that they will need longer-term guarantees and might not want to lend long-term money through the Government at fixed rates.

City participation will slim the public spending cost. But the Overseas Development Administration's current ATP budget of £66 million is already committed this year and substantially spoken for in the next year. This will have to rise, probably at the expense of straight aid to the most needy countries, unless the Trade Department is prepared to switch some of its own budget to the task. This would be easier if ATP is switched to the Department from the ODA.

Prime time for Thames TV?

Will it be third time lucky for Thames Television? The largest of the 15 independent television companies has hired Baring Brothers to advise on a hoped-for stock market flotation early next year. If all goes well, the two main shareholders in Thames, BET and Thorn EMI, will each sell 10 per cent of the Thames equity to the public. That would be music indeed for Thorn, which is anxious both to bolster its finances and put a value on unquoted assets in case a takeover bidder happens along.

BET is also in the middle of a general sell-out of its interests. The remaining employee shareholders would no doubt welcome a quotation, which Thames promised to seek when its franchise for London weekday programming was renewed by the IBA in 1981.

Two previous attempts to come to the market were cancelled because of unfavourable conditions for television company shares. The present climate might not seem ideal with the future of advertising on the BBC awaiting the deliberations of the Peacock committee.

In any case, Thames will be an interesting animal to value. In the year to March, the company made £8.7 million pretax profits (down from £13.5 million) on £170 million revenue. But that depended on a £13.6 million contribution from international programme sales. British television operations made a £4.8 million loss.

Bank's team trims JMB in search for sale next year

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Michael Prest

The management team brought in last year to clean up Johnson Matthey Bankers has managed to cut the bank's commercial exposures by almost £100 million. The figure includes both reductions in loans to customers and cancellation of contingent liabilities and has brought the loan book, including guarantees, down to about £400 million.

There have been substantial repayments by some borrowers, particularly on the property side, which was one of the few reasonably sound parts of JMB's portfolio. Steps have also been taken to improve security backing loans.

Improvements in the loan book have enabled JMB, now headed by Mr Rodney Galpin from the Bank of England to revise downwards the required level of bad debt provisions by about £30 million.

At present bad debts are put at about £220 million, compared with £248 million at one stage. However, the bank's huge indirect exposure to Nigeria is a

big worry and it is possible provisions in this area may be increased.

Most of the Nigerian exposure arises from JMB's relationship with a string of poorly capitalized confirming houses in London, which are owed large sums by Nigerian debtors.

Much of the lending should have been insured through the Export Credits Guarantee Department, but frequently correct procedures were not followed and there is considerable doubt over how much of this supposedly insured debt will turn out to be properly covered. The coup in Nigeria has also added to the uncertainty.

So far JMB managed to reduce its Nigerian exposure from £120 million to about £90 million and provisions have been made against a large part of this. But the management is now reassessing the picture and it is possible that provisions in this area could be bumped up by a further £10 million.



Rodney Galpin: big cuts in JMB's loan book

JMB has yet to produce audited accounts, which any prospective buyer would want to see. Nor have any decision been made on how to go about a sale which could, for instance, involve selling off self-contained subsidiaries such as the profitable insurance broking separately.

However, a number of institutions have been expressing interest in acquiring the bullion bank from the Bank of England.

The improvements in JMB's loan book mean that about £40 million is now likely to be called under the indemnities agreed between the Bank of England and about two dozen City banks to help cover the losses.

JMB's management has submitted the second claim under the indemnities. The first claim was whittled down from about £50 million to about £8 million, largely because JMB failed to follow the complex procedures under the indemnity agreement. However, part of the shortfall is expected to be paid over under the second round.

Carpet group faces bid battle

By Cliff Feltham

A possible counter-offer for the British carpet-making business of Carpets International was unveiled last night only hours after the John Crowther textile group had agreed to buy the business. It came from PMA, a private Hartlepool yarn processing company.

The Huddersfield-based Crowther had announced plans to take over the Carpets International business - best known for its Crossley, Kosset and Gift Edge names - for £7.1 million.

Along with the separate acquisition for £2.7 million of Weavercraft, a private carpet business built up by Mr Michael

Abrahams, it would have created a new force in the carpet industry with sales of £90 million and a 4,000 workforce.

PMA, headed by Mr Robert Taylor aged 40, and advised by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, announced possible plans to make a higher offer.

Mr Robert Shrager, of Morgan Grenfell said: "It is obviously a huge financial undertaking because PMA is a private business, but we would not have made the announcement if we had not been confident of raising the funds."

Mr Taylor, who once worked with the Dutch textile firm Akzo, began PMA in 1975, and

its latest profits were £1 million on sales of £9.5 million. The business operates from a modern 50-acre site.

The key to the move by PMA will be the reaction of the US tiles group interface, which owns 41 per cent of Carpets International.

The announcement will come as a blow to Mr Trevor Barker, chairman of Crowther, who has spent the past nine months putting together a deal.

He would have brought under one umbrella a carpet group with six factories - the main Carpets plant at Kidderminster employs 2,000.

Lord John shops sold to Hepworth

By Patience Wheatcroft

J Hepworth & Son is to buy the bulk of Raybeck's loss-making retailing interests in a deal which will bring its fast-growing Next fashion chain more than 100 new shops.

Hepworth, whose fortunes have been transformed by Next, is to pay around £11.5 million for the Lord John, Lady at Lord John and Verif businesses. Essentially, this is a property transaction which will give the space-hungry Next up to another 104 stores, four of them in London's Oxford Street.

Raybeck has failed to get its retailing recipe right and blamed its poor high street performance for a £1.17 million loss in the year to the end of January.

"It was very bad management," Raybeck's retail director, Mr Leonard Druckman, admitted yesterday. So Raybeck, whose retail ambitions once ran to buying the vast Bourne & Hollingsworth Store in Oxford Street, has gradually been selling shops.

Earlier this year it sold a Lord John store in Regent Street to Laura Ashley. Next, which like Ashley has moved from fashion to furnishings, decided to move quickly when it realized the rest of the stores were likely to be sold.

According to Next's founder, Hepworth's chief executive, Mr George Davies, the deal took less than a fortnight to conclude. It will be funded by a vendor placing of 4.75 million shares, amounting to 3.3 per cent of Hepworth's enlarged share capital.

Hepworth is acquiring the business, complete with around £5 million of stock and a similar level of debts, but intends turning the majority into Next outlets as quickly as possible.

Smaller stores may be used just for Next accessories, including an imminent range of cosmetics, while the larger ones may be turned over to Next Interiors, which already has 20 branches.

Raybeck, long vanquished as a takeover possibility, is now left with the Berketex concessions and some manufacturing companies.

KLP buys database firm

KLP Group, Britain's biggest independent sales promotion group, is to buy Systems Market Link, which supplies computerized database services to the motor industry. The final price depends on SML's future performance and is expected to be about £1.2 million with a ceiling of £2 million.

KLP Group has been expanding fast through acquisitions recently. Last month it paid £2.1 million for Odhams Leisure Group.

In a separate development, the British arm of A. C. Nielsen, the world's largest marketing research company, announced it was buying Stats (M.R.) of Birmingham, which provides continuous research services for more than 100 clients, including Allied Breweries.

The price of the deal is not being disclosed.

Ailing Bank of America sells HQ

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

BankAmerica is to sell its world headquarters in San Francisco in the latest of a series of moves to counter loan losses, low growth and doubts over the strength of realizable assets.

A letter of intent has been signed to sell the 32-storey, 1.8 million sq ft complex to Walter H Shorenstein for \$660 million (£500 million), claimed to be the highest price ever paid in the United States for one building.

BankAmerica will lease back 60 per cent of the bank tower, the largest building in San Francisco, as well as the adjoining building included in the deal.

The former Bank of America has progressively lost ground against Citicorp of New York, once its only rival as the world's largest bank. In the latest league tables, BankAmerica has slipped to fourth place behind the two leading Japanese banks.

It has suffered several shocks this year, culminating in the announcement of a \$338 million second-quarter loss.

IN BRIEF

Maynards studies bid

Maynards, the confectionery and toy shop chain, was last night still considering the £20 million takeover bid from Ward White, the footwear and Haldon's motor spares group.

Mr Philip Birch, the Ward White chairman, said he was pleased his 400p share offer had not been dismissed out of hand and Mr Bob Ramsdale, the Maynard's chief, admitted the offer was "a lot more generous" than the failed bid last year from Mr Lew Carter, the former supermarket boss. Maynards' shares closed 80p up at 41.5p.

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Offer extended

Acceptances of the offer by Hawley Group for certain Kean and Scott shares have been received for 16,356,949 ordinary shares (83.53 per cent of the shares which are the subject of the offer and 14.64 per cent of the existing issued share capital). The offer has been extended until 3pm on October 3.

Guinness swap

Guinness is offering to exchange its own loan stock for that of Arthur Bell & Sons, its new subsidiary. For every £100 nominal of Bell 9.5 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1999/2001, Guinness is offering £123.52 of its 8½ per cent 1996/2001 unsecured stock, or a package of 99.84 Guinness shares plus £66.14 of the loan stock, or £66.14 cash.

ITT Corporation said yesterday it had sold Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corporation to an affiliate of the United States Borax & Chemical Corporation of Los Angeles, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto-Zinc corporation, for about \$80 million (£60.5 million) as part of its \$1.7 billion asset redeployment programme.

Delta ahead

Delta, the cables manufacturer, lifted profits from £20 million to £26.6 million before tax in the six months to June 29. Turnover was up from £293 million to £305 million, and the interim dividend is 0.5p higher at 2.4p.

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Olivetti soars

Olivetti, the Italian electronics and office equipment group, announced a 33.1 per cent rise in group profits to 2,501.5 billion lire (£1 billion) in the first six months of this year.

Inflow fall for building societies

By Richard Thomson

The flow of money into building societies fell last month but, after allowing for seasonal adjustments, it was stronger than for most months of this year.

Building Societies Association figures, announced yesterday, showed that the net inflow fell £126 million to £524 million in August compared with £650 million in July, but almost all the fall was the result of investors withdrawing money to buy new cars.

Allowing for this seasonal factor, the net inflow strengthened in comparison to the earlier part of the year after the August adjustment in interest rates, which brought building societies' rates into line with other savings rates.

An association spokesman said that a significant improvement in net inflow to around £700 million was expected for September, better than for any previous month this year.

Mortgage lending in August slackened as potential borrowers went on holiday. Total loans fell by £169,000 to £2.23 billion.

Stockley plans veto

For nearly five months Stockley has been an unwelcome holder of 26 per cent of the Stock Conversion's shares. Now Stockley has decided to use its voting power to veto Stock Conversion's efforts to give more power to the board and

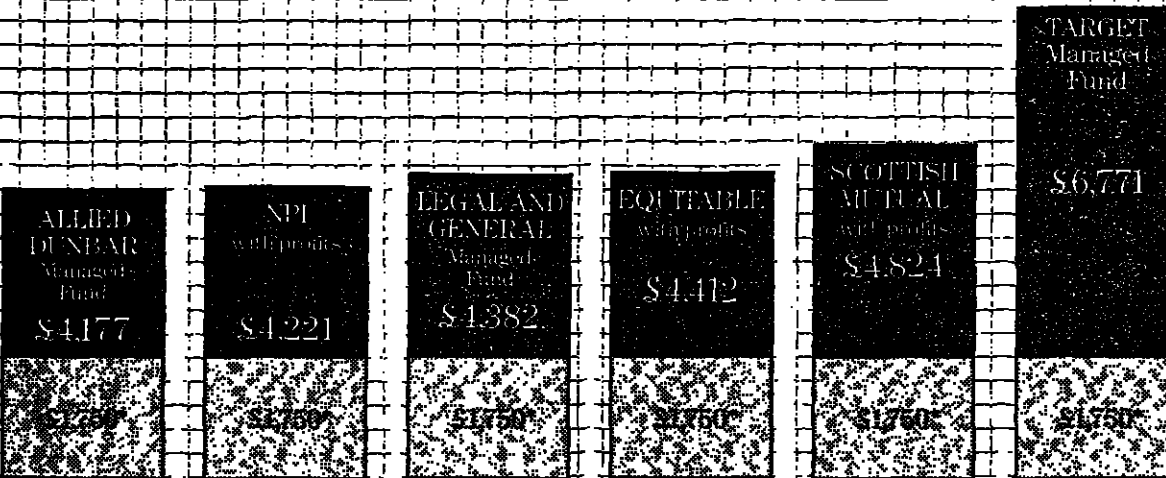
the result is likely to be a row between the two property companies.

At an extraordinary meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Stock Conversion shareholders are to vote on a composite resolution

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS		MAIN PRICE CHANGES		CURRENCIES	
FT Ind Ord	1011.9 (-2.1)	RISES:		London:	
FT All Share	834.41 (-1.2)	Maynards	415p +80p	£: \$1.3355 (+0.0145)	
FT Govt Securities	82.84 (+0.20)	Somportex	88p +16p	£: DM 3.8886 (+0.0206)	
FT-SE 100	1308.8 (-4.5)	Audiocore	82p +6p	£: SwFr 3.2042 (+0.0182)	
Bargains	23,742	Sycamore Hldgs	80p +1p	£: FFf 11.8414 (+0.0557)	
Datasearch USM	107.21 (+0.12)	Monument Oil & Gas	19p +2p	£: Yen 324.10 (+1.22)	
New York		SelectTV	10p +1p	£ Index: 81.0 (+0.8)	
Dow Jones	1305.43 (-8.94)	Bio-Isolates	31p +3p	New York:	
Tokyo		DPCE Hldgs	425p +35p	£: \$1.3402	
Nikkei Dow	12585.70 (-17.34)	Comb Tech Corp	122p +1p	£: DM 2.9040	
Hong Kong		Polytechnic Elec	185p +10p	Index: 141.0 (-1.2)	
Hang Seng	1,805.84 (+9.42)	Gears Gross	82p +6p	ECU 20.5782	
Amsterdam	220.3 (-2.7)	American El Comp	21 1/2p +1 1/2p	SDR 20.776037	
Sydney AO	983.2 (-2.7)	Hestair	101p +7p		
Frankfurt:		Raybeck	37 1/2p +2 1/2p		
Commerzbank	1,507.8 (-15.7)	Dupont	45p +3p		
Brussels:		Morris Fine Art	32p +2p		
General	425.08 (+2.29)	Guinness Part	89p +4p		
Paris: CAC	219.9 (+0.01)	A. F. Bulglin	18p +1p		
Zurich:		Andre de Brelt	18p +1p		
SKA General	418.50 (+0.01)	Carnion St Inv	58p +3p		
		Senior Eng	20 1/2p +1 1/2p		
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				3-month Treasury Bills 7.22-7.20%	
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170	92	Gay (Richard)	148	+1	8.2
172	113	Cropper (James)	175	+2	10.0
206	151	Dun	203	...	10.0
206	151	Dunlop Pulp	203	...	10.0
485	350	Pitch Design	485	...	8.0
175	59	Greco (Gross)	52	-2	5.7
180	180	Good Roads	181	...	5.7
346	218	Low H-SC-E	279	-2	5.1
191	138	MacDonalds	170	-1	4.0
59	65	Moe O'Connell	63	...	4.0
131	100	North	130	-1	4.0
387	307	Ogley & Mather	232	-1	4.0
45	28	Oliver Power	29	...	4.0
730	615	South	725	...	15.0
1157	103	St. Louis	1174	...	15.0
100	72	Summit	85	-2	13.1

62	28	Waco	46	-1	34.3	6
630	455	Waddington (4)	575		8.9	3
257	225	Wadsworth	248	-2		

PROPERTY

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499	349	Land Investors	499		
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283	74	Rain & Tompkins	258	..	18.9	4.2
274	142	"	189	..	18.9	4.2
75	85	Scott Mkt	85	..	6.5	6.5
157	123	Sprague Estates	146	..	7.4	5.1
258	178	Stoughton	248	..	12.7	5.1
186	146	Sturges	158	..	5.4	5.4
258	265	Stock Convention	325	+10	10.7	1.5
60	84	Stockday	70	-2	..	..
240	205	Town Centre	220	..	12.1	2.1
240	168	Trafford Park	220	..	14.2	2.1
660	500	Union Real	650	..	17.1	3.1
595	525	Winn	625	-6	22.5	3.7
810	410	Worland	610	..	20.7	4.1
25	18	Woods (Joe)	18	..	6.7	3.8
134	143	West & Country	184	..	11.1	7.2

		SHIPPING			
334	181	Aspen Br Ports	200	-	12.5
335	205	Br Commonwealth	201	-	2.3
283	205	Caladeco	252	+4	2.3
125	80	Chlor (Homes)	108	-	2.8
680	80	Chlor	605	+5	17.5
80	53	Jacobus (47)	55	-	5.0b 1.1
17	17	LCOR			
22	5	Lyle	137	-	
105	128	Chlor Hydrox	129	-	
105	128	Chlor Transport	129	-	
400	328	P & S Old	421	-	8.4
400	328	Phosph (Walter)	421	+7	20.0
430	280	T&M Solid	280	-	12.9
430	280	Turnbull	280	-	5.4

SHOES AND LEATHER					
225	190	FI	-300	3.6	4.1
228	170	Garrett Smith	11	13.1	1.8
23	21	Henderson Sims	39	3.1	8.5
107	145	Lambert Howarth	143	7.2	5.0
94	80	Newbold & Burton	80	4.4	5.5
95	85	Stylo	103	1.7	3.4
102	119	Strong & Fisher	111	7.3	7.1
209	143	Style	230	1.7	4.4

TEXTILES									
527	230	Almad Text	408	•	...	17.9	4.4		
543	240	Alcor Bros	110	•	...	7.5	3.7		
112	71	Banta (Jones)	132	•	...	7.8	3.2		
99	84	Buckman (A)	110	•	...	7.5	3.2		
163	107	Br Mott's	125	•	-24	3.8	3.9		
85	90	Bulmer & Lumb	90	•	...	7.1	8.9		
171	136	Carson Inc	166	•	...	7.3	8.5		
75	89	Costa Patone	89	•	...	7.7	8.8		
182	121	Cornish	147	•	...	7.1	4.9		
88	27	Courtenay	164	•	...	7.1	4.8		
207	151	Crowder (J)	147	•	...	7.1	4.9		
		Dawson	147	•	...	7.1	4.9		

208	118	Dixon (D)	201	•	+1	2.8	2.5
208	140	Dore Baker	201	•	•	6.8	4.6
198	58	Dora Baker	185	•	•	1.8	1.8
82	47	Downing	100	•	-7	0.1	•
106	84	Edwards (John)	70	•	•	0.1	•
106	84	Female Broadfoot	185	•	-2	4.8	4.1
103	60	Edwards (H)	101	•	•	7.8	•
103	60	Hiding Foremost	43	•	•	•	•
103	60	Ernest (H)	101	•	•	•	•
72	50	Ernest (H)	101	•	•	3.8	3.5
183	121	Leeds	185	•	•	4.8	7.5
81	49	Liner	58	•	-5	•	•
81	49	Liner	58	•	•	1.4	0.8
84	67	Lynne (C)	73	•	•	7.9	10.8
289	•	Maclach (Hugh)	85	•	+2	6.5	7.8
289	•	Murphy	10	•	•	•	•
212	108	Northampton Mary	30	•	+4	5.8	6.2
147	55	Partridge A	98	•	•	4.1	5.1
147	55	Partridge A	98	•	•	6.0	7.5

45	30	Stans Carpels	180	51	..	7.0	4.4
148	108	Strer	118	..	..	9.9	11.6
80	35	Smithshaw (P)	114	..	..	3.0	5.0
62	53 1/2	Strand Riley	81	..	..	3.1	3.7
100	85	Wendover Jersey	87	..	..	3.0	5.3
130	110	Tomlinsons	140	..	..	7.1	8.2
84 1/2	85	Totals	75 1/2	..	..	7.1	8.7
180	130	Yorkhde	175	..	..	6.8	4.9

2085	278	BAT	278	-8	15.7	5.7
222	162	Imperial	194	+4	12.2	6.5
226	111	Rollman's B	116	+1	8.1	7.7

© Ex dividend. © Ex alt. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. d Interim payment passed. e Price at settlement. f Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid if over- or underpriced. i Premerger figure. j Forecast earnings. k Ex capital distribution. l Ex rights. m Ex scrip or share split. n Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. . . No significant data.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar was in broad retreat yesterday, as the market took a less bullish view of US economic prospects.

Sterling climbed by about two and a half cents against the dollar at one time as operators switched positions to take advantage of Britain's attractive interest rates.

At the close, sterling showed a net gain of 1.45 cents at 1.3355.

The pound was also firm on the Continent, rising from 3.8680 to 3.8885 at the expense of the mark, for example.

The effective exchange rate index was finally up 0.8 at 81.0, having reached 81.4 soon after the latest US economic indicators.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
New York	\$1.3355	1.3355	1.3355
London	£1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Frankfurt	DM 3.8885	3.8885	3.8885
Paris	FF 166.63	166.63	166.63
Geneva	Sw 1.48	1.48	1.48
Basel	Sw 1.48	1.48	1.48
Madrid	Ptas 166.63	166.63	166.63
Amsterdam	gld 3.8885	3.8885	3.8885
Brussels	gld 3.8885	3.8885	3.8885
Stockholm	Skr 4.66	4.66	4.66
Copenhagen	Dkr 13.46	13.46	13.46
Oslo	Nkr 4.66	4.66	4.66
Stockholm	Skr 4.66	4.66	4.66
Copenhagen	Dkr 13.46	13.46	13.46
Oslo	Nkr 4.66	4.66	4.66

Banking rates compared with 1978 peak up 0.1 at 81.0 (up 0.1 at 81.0).

Other sterling rates	Other sterling rates
Argentina	1.0000
Australia	1.0000
Canada	1.0000
Denmark	1.0000
France	1.0000
Germany	1.0000
Italy	1.0000
Japan	1.0000
Netherlands	1.0000
Portugal	1.0000
Spain	1.0000
Sweden	1.0000
Switzerland	1.0000
United Kingdom	1.0000
United States	1.0000

Rate supplied by Barclays Bank, London, and other banks.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The pound's abrupt resurgence yesterday saw period rates shuffling back to some way below their overnight levels.

Interbank rates in the three and beyond fell 1/4 per cent or more.

The interbank overnight, having opened at 11 1/2 per cent fell rapidly to 10 1/2 per cent, slipping further under the influence of conditions on the discount market.

It touched a low of about 5 per cent before closing at about 7 per cent.

Base rates: 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent.

Discount market: 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent.

Overnight: 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent.

Three months: 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent.

Six months: 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent.

One year: 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent, 11 1/2 per cent.

TREASURY BILL TENDER

Applicable to 1985-1986 tendered 1000.

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EURO CURRENCY DEPOSITS

Applicable to 1985-1986 tendered 1000.

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GOLD

Applicable to 1985-1986 tendered 1000.

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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WALL STREET

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Kansas Gas and Electric led the active issues, down 1/2 to 11.

BankAmerica was second, up 1/2 to 13 1/2.

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COMPANY NEWS

IN BRIEF

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FAMILY MONEY/1

Loans to buy homes for rental

Residential property as investment has gone out of fashion since the advent of the Rent Act, but it is still possible to profitably let residential property in areas like central London, outside the Rent Act.

Financial adviser Paul Marks, of Chase de Vere, has lined up a tranche of £15 million specifically earmarked for residential investment. "Minimum loan is £50,000 and we will lend up to 70 per cent of the purchase price," confirms Mr Marks. "But the rental income must cover the loan repayments." The interest rate charged is a competitive 13.75 per cent and loans can be spread over 25 years.

If you are letting a house or flat because you are about to work abroad, you can get an even better deal. "We will arrange a loan of up to 90 per cent of the purchase price at 13.25 per cent to expatriates," says Mr Marks. The minimum loan here is £30,000, and the amount you can borrow is a multiple of your income, and not related to any rental income you may get from the property.

Details from Paul Marks, Chase de Vere, 125 Pall Mall, SW1. Tel: (01) 930 7242.

No claims bonus on house contents

Many dishonest householders regard home contents insurance as a useful source of cash when building society arrears - putting in a claim for a non-existent lost engagement ring. The effect of this is to increase premiums for the majority of honest householders.

A solution is to offer no-claims discounts like those offered on car insurance. But for reasons best known to themselves, the insurers have held out against this. The broker Hill House Hammond has produced a home contents policy with a

25 per cent no-claims bonus to attract householders with a claim-free record. Premium rates per £1,000 of contents cover (before the discount) range from £9.60 in the highest rated areas to £3.60 at the other end of the scale. This is about average, but would work out much cheaper for many householders who take into account the discount.

Details from Hill House Hammond Ltd, Hill House, Lewiss Mead, Bristol, BS1 2LL. Tel: 0272 292906.

Investment link-ups

An increasing number of building societies are linking with fund managers to provide split investments. The latest is Anglia, which has got together with Scottish Equitable to launch its Combination Portfolio. Its minimum investment is £2,000, of which half goes into a "Performance Bond" from Scottish Equitable, and the other half is invested in an Anglia "Portfolio Bond".

Scottish Equitable's bond is a new mixed fund, investing for capital growth in UK and international equities, gilts, currencies and other investments. The Anglia half of the investment is a 90 days' notice account paying a guaranteed 2.5 per cent over the society's ordinary share rate, which works out at 9.5 per cent net of basic rate tax.

This looks like an attractive scheme, since Scottish Equitable has had a good investment track record. Its mixed fund came first out of 61 funds, the international fund was also first out of 31 funds, and its equity fund was fourth out of 52 funds for the two years to May 1985.

There is nothing about the scheme that you couldn't do yourself - splitting investments between, say, a building society extra interest account and a selection of unit trusts. But the Combination Portfolio does have the benefit of convenience. There is also a monthly income facility. Details from Anglia branches.

Girobank credit

Customers of the National Girobank are now eligible to apply for a Visa credit

card from Monday. And from November, Girobank customers and holders of Visa cards issued by other organizations will be able to use their cards to obtain cash from Girobank's LINK automated cash dispensers, now installed at 50 locations.

In addition, they will be able to obtain cash advances from Barclays Bank branches and any bank belonging to Visa International. Details from post offices.

Easier cash
NatWest Bank is making its 1,260 automated cash machines easier to use by visually handicapped customers. By mid-October, Servicetells will emit a "double beep" at certain stages of each transaction to indicate that the next step in the operation can be taken.

This "double beep" will occur when customers are required to enter their personal number when the initial menu appears, and finally when the transaction needs to be completed. NatWest already issues braille instructions for operating Servicetells and Rapid Cash tills.

Charity aid
It is not often that you can make a profitable investment whilst benefiting some charity at no cost to yourself. This is what Charitable Insurance Services offers, by paying half the commission earned on the sale of an insurance product to the charity of your choice.

"We have in the past week sent cheques totalling £4,300 to more than 80 charities, including the Cancer Research Campaign, RNLI, British Heart Foundation and the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association", it said.

Details from Devon House, 24/26 Station Road, Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 8PE. Tel: 06267 6676.

Pensions campaign
Pointon York, the Leicester and London-based financial services group, is anxious to talk to small firms about setting up their own self-administered pension scheme. It manages about 400 now, and is one of more than 100 firms which has taken stands at the first personal finance and investment



opportunities exhibition - the Money 85 Show, from October 3 to 6 at London's Olympia 2 Hall.

Portfolio check

A Weymouth-based software company is running a service for those too lazy to check their Times Portfolio cards. If you are prepared to forfeit half your winnings it will check your card free. Or for a fixed fee it will check your card and take 1 per cent commission if you win. For about £15 you can buy the software to check for yourself.

However, there is "no guarantee whatsoever, not even to check the cards", and the company says it is bound in honour only (not in contract). But the fun of the game is probably in checking the card yourself - and in hanging on to all your winnings.

Money funnies

I say, I say, I say! Have you heard the one about the bank manager who says: "Although my door is always open Mr. Gilchrist, my mind is always closed." Or how about the two wrinkles sitting at breakfast; her to him: "Henry, I think

we're depreciating faster than our savings."

These are two of the cartoons in a collection by Alan Ralph called *Funny Money*. If they don't make you chuckle perhaps your bank manager might see the funny side of things next time you call on him. The book costs £2.95 and is available from W. H. Smith or direct from the publisher Posters Ltd, 80, Welbeck Street, London, W1. (25p p&p).

House prices boom

Houseowners in London seem to be doing best on the prices front, according to the Halifax Building Society. Houses in Greater London have risen by 15.4 per cent over the past 12 months compared with the national average of just 7.5 per cent. East Anglia, too, has seen a rise of 11.1 per cent while the south-east generally has shown house price rises of 10.7 per cent.

Name not the same

What's in a name? The Accountancy Information Development Services AIDS - thinks quite a lot, because it has, after 13 years, decided to change its name. "We have bowed to pressure and are changing to the Accounting Centre," says Mike Slinger.

The newly named Accounting Centre specializes in providing monthly management accounts to small and medium-sized businesses. Established in 1972, it now has 20 regional offices, and opened its first shop this week at 90b Cleveland Street, London W1. An unsolicited testimonial from a user is highly complimentary of the service offered, and the competitive prices. Further information from the Accounting Centre, Escot House, Arcadia Avenue, Finchley Central, London N3 2JE. Tel: (01) 349 3191.

New starters' guide

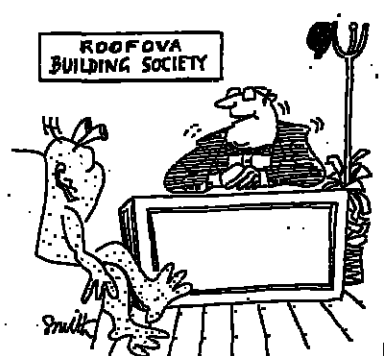
You do not have to be a member of the Gay Save the Whale Group to qualify for public money, according to a booklet from the chartered accountant, Kidson. *Public Money for Business Projects* is the title of Kidson's latest publication, and it is a useful guide for anyone in business or thinking of starting one up.

The booklet lists the different kinds of financial help available from public funds, from regional development grants to energy efficiency survey grants. Copies of the booklet are available from Kidson, Bank House, 8 Cherry Street, Birmingham, B2 5AD. Tel: (021) 643 9771.

Questions on money

Financial seminars are all the rage, and not to be outdone Network, the organization for professional and businesswomen is staging one at the London Hilton on October 10. A panel of experts will answer financial questions - Sarah Sax from Sedgwick Employee Benefit Consultants, Brian Apps, Banking Information Services, Shirley Mitchell of the accountant Clark Whitehall, Alison Mitchell of BBC's Breakfast Time, Ann Stubbs of the Woolwich Building Society, and others. Speakers include Mark Weinberg of Allied Dunbar, Michael Fuller of Midland Bank, Anthony Stoughton Harris of the Anglia Building Society, and Ellen Winsor of the stockbroker James Capel. Cost of the day's seminar including lunch is £75 plus VAT for members of Network, £90 for non-members.

Details from Irene Harris, Network, 25 Park Road, London NW1 6XN. Tel: (01) 402 1265.



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Something new from man from the Pru

UNIT TRUSTS

For investors who like to have a big name behind their money, the news that the Prudential has launched three new unit trusts will be welcome. The funds are a contrast to the two launched last year. They specialize in the North American, European and Japanese markets rather than being general funds like the earlier ones. And because of this they are being sold through brokers and intermediaries, not by the Pru's own sales force.

But the Pru is adding another general fund, the Holborn International Growth Trust, to offer investors a wide international exposure. Like the first two funds it is aimed at first time unit trust investors and will be sold through the sales force. There is also a regular savings scheme, requiring a minimum £50 a month, which can go into any of the three Holborn trusts - the UK Growth, High Income and International Growth.

The scheme looks attractive, because the UK Growth and High Income funds have been remarkably successful since their launch. They have attracted over £45 million in a few months but, more important to the individual investor, they have built up an astonishing investment record.

So far they have consistently appeared among the top funds of their sectors, and the UK Growth fund is in the top five unit trusts over eight months.

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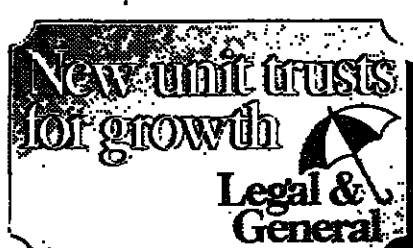
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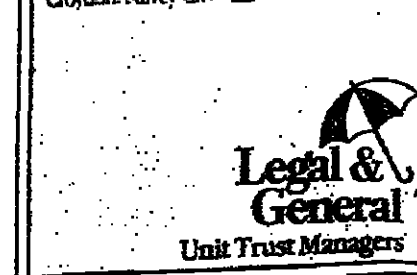
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FAMILY MONEY/2

Endowment loans are now second best

MORTGAGES

Home-owners are often paying more than necessary for their home loans because of hard-nosed commercialism on the part of some big building societies.

The Halifax, the largest in the country, is still actively promoting home loans linked to endowment insurance policies - in spite of the fact that repayment loans are almost always more suitable. And, of course, those who have endowment-linked home loans have to pay 0.5 per cent more for their money.

The Halifax has undertaken a study of all the areas in which it lends a lower proportion than its average on endowment mortgages. Up to now, around half of the society's home loans each year have been endowment loans.

Now if some of its branches are falling below the 50 per cent level on this type of loan, the society wants to know why. More than that, it wants to jack up the number of endowment loans sold in the areas where they seem to be lagging.

This despite the fact that since the abolition of 15 per cent life assurance premium relief in the 1984 budget, endowments have become the more expensive form of borrowing.

When life assurance relief

existed, it could be argued that endowment loans were a better bet - even if the benefits took 25 years to show through in the form of a surplus from the life policy - over and above the amount needed to repay the loan.

For higher rate taxpayers endowment-linked loans also had the advantage that since interest only was paid on the loans - and none of the capital was repaid until the end of the term - the tax relief, which remained constant on the interest payments, became worth increasingly more as the taxpayer climbed up the tax ladder.

However, with the advent of Miras (Mortgage Interest Relief at Source) the tax relief on a repayment mortgage now remains constant throughout the term - and there is no longer any tax relief on the life assurance premiums that are necessary with the endowment-linked loan. The balance has definitely swung in favour of the straight repayment loan.

Yet societies like the Halifax are still actively promoting their endowment schemes - collecting from the borrower 0.5 per cent more on the interest charge, and pocketing commission of around 30 per cent of the first year's premium on the associated endowment policy.

How does the Halifax justify this policy? "We don't share the view that endowment linking is

a less attractive way of repaying a home loan," said Jim Birrell, the society's marketing director. "We encourage borrowers to have an endowment-linked loan because we believe that in the long term it is a better way of repaying the mortgage."

He argues that a benefit 20 or 25 years down the line is worth having - in spite of the fact that you pay in real pounds today, a considerably higher monthly sum - and are repaid 25 years later in devalued money.

Could it be anything to do with the commission earned? David Gilchrist, a general manager of the Halifax, said: "We are examining the areas where endowment sales are low so that we can get back the endowment borrowing that is currently going to other societies in those areas." But borrowers would be wise to consider the options carefully before blithely accepting the endowment policy sales talk.

Why the roughly half the nation's building society borrowers taking out endowment loans under those conditions? "They like the promise of a big cash sum when the policy matures," is the usual building society response. But the promise is no guarantee.

An alternative explanation is that people buy what they are offered. Last year the Halifax made £21.8 million on commissions from insurance companies.

The continuing popularity of building society endowments is all the more surprising, since they become more expensive compared to repayment loans the higher mortgage rates go.

We have just been through a period of historically extremely high rates and even after the recent fall, mortgage rates are still firmly in double figures.

"The break-even point when endowments become as cheap as repayments comes when rates reach 8 or 9 per cent," said



The place for loans, but are building societies right to push endowment mortgages?

Tony Foster of the Halifax. No one is forecasting mortgage rates at those levels in the foreseeable future.

As the table shows, the net monthly repayment for a man aged 30 on a £25,000 mortgage is £211.00 for a repayment loan at 12.75 per cent, but £193.29 for an endowment at 13.25 per cent. But while the repayment loan only requires a further £3.30 a month on a mortgage protection policy, (in case the "borrower should die early") the endowment policy costs £31.50.

The result is that the endowment loan costs more than £10 more to repay each month - and that is a fairly small loan.

Virtually all endowment loans made these days are of the low cost variety. This means that the policy actually guarantees to repay a fairly small sum in relation to the whole loan when it matures.

In our example the amount guaranteed is a mere £8,125. The rest is made up of bonuses paid by the insurance company.

Policies are usually sold on the basis that the guaranteed

maturity value of the policy, plus 80 per cent of the bonuses projected by the insurer, would be needed to pay off the mortgage. Any surplus, plus the terminal bonus, taken by the borrower as an extra cash windfall.

There is a huge potential problem with this. Bonus projections are only an informed guess made by the insurance company, based on its current experience, of how its investment performance will turn out over the next 25 years. Since no one can really see 25 years ahead this is a dubious practice.

Cash at maturity could disappoint

The life assurance industry itself is coming to realize this. The stimulus has been the almost unprecedentedly good investment conditions in very recent years which have enabled many companies to maintain extremely generous bonus payouts. This allows building

societies to argue that since endowment policies have yielded an average of 11 per cent per annum over the last 25 years, they must continue to do so in the future.

The ability of endowment policies to pay off the mortgage itself in 25 years' time is not really in doubt. It is the extra cash at maturity which could end up well below what the borrower was led to believe. And he is paying extra for the privilege of taking that risk.

Those with a vested interest - building societies and insurance intermediaries - will continue to argue that endowment-linked home loans are a good bet. Independent advisers would argue otherwise.

But how are the building societies to have any credibility in the new era of one-stop financial services? If their impartiality is in question over the best type of home loan for a borrower, what use their advice on insurance, investment and all the other financial services they are so keen to market?

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The experience of one of our readers, let us call her Mrs Smith, demonstrates just how easy this is. In June last year she ordered a shirt and paid for it by giving her Access card number over the phone. The shirt did not arrive.

She contacted the company and was told the cutter was on holiday and there was a backlog of work. In the meantime the company had not used her card number to charge her for the order.

A year later - this July - the company wrote to Mrs Smith saying the shirt would be delivered in the next three or four weeks. She was billed for it by Access the following day.

Although she still wanted the shirt, she was alarmed to find that the company could hold on to her card number for more than a year and suddenly use it without warning.

There is nothing in our agreement with retailers to prevent them from keeping numbers as long as they want," said Martin Rutland, of Access. "But it is not a practice we encourage."

As far as mail-order companies are concerned, there are strict rules governing the way they operate. The goods must be sent before they are paid for and there must be proof of dispatch.

Mr Rutland said: "To prevent companies using card numbers a second time without the cardholder's knowledge, we do spot checks, comparing the card vouchers they submit with their sales records."

But both Access and Barclaycard admit that a risk still remains. Both insist that if a customer complains they will investigate.

If several similar complaints have been made against the same company the chances are that the cardholder will get his money back, either from the

company or the card operator. But if it is the first complaint made against a company, the position may not be so clear-cut.

"If it is a first complaint, then we are in the middle and will have to decide whether the company or the cardholder is right," said Mr Rutland.

If the decision goes in favour of the company, the cardholder has to pay up. He can always resort to "legal action," though this would probably only be worth doing if large sums of money were involved.

There is apparently no way around this potential problem, and it has to be accepted as one of the risks of using a credit card.

Barclaycard said: "We vet merchants very carefully before we accept them into our card scheme. The use of card numbers without the cardholder's knowledge is unusual."

"Merchants know that as soon as they are found doing it they will be excluded from our card facilities. It is nothing like as frequent as fraud related to lost or stolen cards being used by the wrong people."

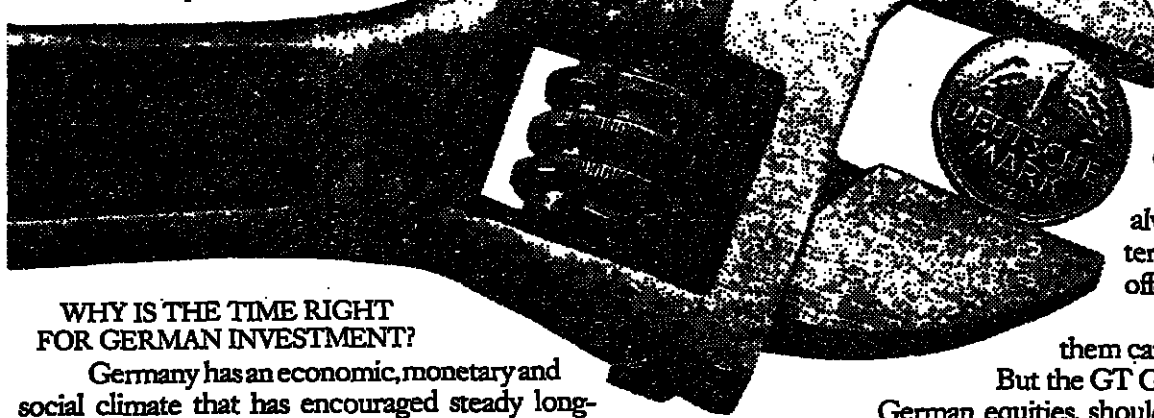
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GROUP OF THE YEAR

Most successful investors start with a clear idea of whether they want income or growth or a balance between the two. Individual unit trusts can meet each of these requirements, but the problem is knowing which to choose from over seven hundred unit trusts.

Before making an investment in a unit trust you should expect the managers to tell you how well it has performed over the long term. Past performance cannot be a guarantee for the future, but it is the best measure you have of a fund's likelihood of achieving its objective. New funds or funds which suffer a change of management are more of a gamble than those which can point to a long and successful record.

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Unit trusts are for long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice. This is because the price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up.

Income DIVIDEND FUND

An investor of £10,000 at the Fund's launch in May 1964 has seen his income after basic-rate tax grow from £396 in the first full year to £2,278 by 1st September 1985.

By contrast, a building society investor's annual income has fluctuated, rising from £536 in 1965 to £1,200 in 1985 and then falling back to £908 by 1st September 1985. So anyone who depended on a building society for income has suffered a cut-back over the past 5 years, whilst Dividend Fund investors continued to enjoy a steadily increasing income.

In addition, the Dividend Fund investor's £10,000 had grown to £60,840 by 1st September 1985 compared with the building society investor's £10,000, of course, remained unchanged.

If you need income which will grow over the years M&G Dividend Fund could be your ideal investment. The Fund invests in a wide range of ordinary shares and the aim is to provide a high and growing return with a yield about 50% higher than that of the FT. Actuaries All-Share Index.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE OF £10,000 invested in Income units at the launch of M&G Dividend Fund on 6th May 1964, compared with a similar investment in a Building Society			
Year to 31 DECEMBER	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY	M&G DIVIDEND
6 May '64	—	—	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	£10,000
1970	463	650	10,760
1975	828	871	16,300
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280
1 Sep. '85	2,278	908*	60,840

NOTES: All income figures shown are net of basic-rate tax.

The Building Society income figures are 1% above the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association).

M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. *Estimated for the year.

On 11th September 1985 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were:

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE OF £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May 1969, with net income reinvested				
Year to 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	FT ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	9,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,120	21,263	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1 Sep. '85	254,640	43,385	54,854	39,110

NOTES: All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 10% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values.

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE OF £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G SECOND General on 5th June 1956, with net income reinvested				
Year to 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	FT ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1960	19,534	20,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,947	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	47,537	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	81,843	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	200,813	61,600	62,494	49,931
1 Sep. '85	521,261	154,550	85,329	76,518

NOTES: All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 10% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G SECOND General figures are all realisation values.

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FAMILY MONEY/3

The shuttlecock holidaymakers

A tour operator's nightmare came true last week when a holidaymaker it had shunted to a different standard of hotel, turned out to be the Consumers' Association's legal eagle, David Tench.

Mr Tench, who has demanded compensation from Sunmed Holidays of London, is hardly a solitary disgruntled holidaymaker. This summer, particularly with the spate of late bookings, has seen a widespread shifting of holidaymakers to different hotels, or sometimes even different resorts.

In 1984 the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) received 9,683 complaints against tour operators. The Consumers' Association survey of 6,500 holidaymakers showed that one in five suffered an unexpected alteration to their holiday after booking.

The disappointed holidaymaker has a number of possible avenues to seek financial compensation. But it must first be established that there are valid grounds for making a claim.

Lack of sun, rioting locals or friction within the holiday party may all produce a holiday far below expectations - but none

Compensation for breach of contract

gives valid grounds for complaint against the tour operator. If, however, like Mr Tench, you are moved to different, poorer quality accommodation, this would normally entitle you to claim compensation for breach of contract against the operator. Similarly if you were promised a room with a sea view you did not get, or if you were supposed to have a bathroom on suite, rather than the long walk to a communal bathroom that you actually had, then in both cases you could cry breach of contract.

There is often an overlap between this sort of complaint - that is where something promised did not materialise - and another common gripe against tour operators, namely misrepresentation.



Fun in the sun - until you are pushed around, like David Tench, right

If the brochure describes your hotel as "a stone's throw from the beach" when it is in fact a mile away, this would amount to misrepresentation.

If you think you have valid grounds for complaint do not be deterred by the inevitable small print in the tour operator's brochure. Broadly, this will include a clause attempting to exonerate the operator from blame for the actions of third parties, such as the hotelier. Also, widespread are clauses under which the operator reserves the right to alter the holiday - and pay only limited compensation in such an event.

Both these clauses would be subject to the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 - and will not apply unless the operator can show that they are reasonable. Moreover, the first clause, according to David Tench, may be an impossible assertion for the operator to make.

The trouble is that these types of clause vary in what they say: if the operator is saying that he is an agent and that my contract for accommodation is actually with the hotelier, this simply flies in the face of all the facts," says Mr Tench.

In the case of the second type of clause the nature of the forced alteration to your holiday will be important if the matter ever got to court. For instance, the limited compensation might be reasonable if, say, you were shifted to a different hotel near the original one, which was of an identical standard.

Unfortunately, many holi-

daymakers either endure maltreatment in silence, or are scared off when the operator pulls the small print on them. Bear in mind that operators dread the adverse publicity that often emerges, so a forceful attitude will often produce a reasonable offer of compensation.

By the same token you must actually have suffered loss in some way in order to be able to make a claim. This might be pecuniary loss - such as the cost of extra transport necessitated by a change of hotel - or else loss measured in terms of distress and disappointment.

The few law cases on this

Decision based on documentary evidence

subject highlight how distress and disappointment can be a substantial element in any award of compensation. Damages under this heading can exceed the cost of the holiday, and you can claim not only for your own upset but also for that of members of your family who accompanied you, even though they did not sign the booking form.

How do you actually go about getting compensation? ABTA runs two schemes - a conciliation and an arbitration scheme. The conciliation service is free and is merely an informal process whereby tour operator and holidaymaker can air grievances. This process can lead to financial settlements in favour of the holidaymaker.

About 393 ABTA arbitrations ended with an award in favour of the tour operator in 1984, with a further 77 dismissed. ABTA style arbitration involves ABTA referring a holidaymaker/tour operator dispute to the Institute of Arbitrators. The arbitrator decides on the basis of documentary evidence alone.

It costs £17.25 plus £5.75 for each additional claimant who is a member of your family and over 12 to use ABTA's arbitration scheme. The advantage is that you normally get these fees back if you win. If successful the maximum you have to pay to the operator is twice your registration fee.

However, claimants under the ABTA scheme appear to get less than they asked for: in 1984 the average claim was £528, against an average award of £178. And you cannot go the ABTA arbitration route if you are claiming either more than £1,000 per person or £5,000 per booking form.

Arbitration in the county court is another alternative - although only disputes of £500 or less qualify for county court arbitration. The procedure for making a claim is set out in *Small Claims in the County Court*, available from your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Otherwise, you could try the county court proper for disputes up to £5,000. But bear in mind that, unlike county court arbitration (where each side bears its own costs) costs will generally be awarded against the losing party, and can be substantial.

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FAMILY MONEY/4

How computers put motorists in the right lane

CAR INSURANCE

Direct Line is the name given to Royal Bank of Scotland's new motor insurance package which offers instant quotes over the telephone to potential customers. Motorists can take out or amend their insurance at any time between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm weekdays, and 9.00 am and 2.00 pm on Saturdays.

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Royal Bank of Scotland is the most recent entrant to the computerized motor insurance quotations field. Others include the Automobile Association.

Cheaper rates on offer to students

Quotel (which markets its service through insurance brokers) and NatWest Insurance Services.

We asked all four groups - Royal Bank of Scotland, The Automobile Association, Quotel and National Westminster Bank's Insurance Services arm - to find the best deal for different types of "typical" driver. As the table shows, even the best rates

vary, while the most expensive were more than four times as dear in some cases.

Basic premiums take into account such things as the type of cover you want ranging from third party to comprehensive, the make, model and age of your car, where you live, your age, occupation, driving record and what you want to use the car for.

The only way to cut the cost of the basic premium is, effectively, by giving up part of the cover. Insurance companies offer discounts for different factors which could mean paying a fifth or less of the initial quotation.

The biggest reduction you can win is by building up a no-claims discount (NCD) which is a bonus that increases every year you do not make a claim. Typically you get a 30 per cent reduction after one year, 40 per cent after two years, 50 per cent after three years and 60 per cent after four years.

Some go up to 65 per cent. If you make a claim, normally you move back two steps.

Our lady Jaguar driver could have saved more than £100 by not claiming. Otherwise she could have saved money with a protected NCD which lets you make two claims in five years without losing your NCD. The cost of that is an extra 6 or 7 per cent on the premium initially.

Royal, for example, has two policies - one aimed at the over 30s, one at the over 30s. As an



The kind of crash motorists fear - they should also fear paying over the top

over-50 you will pay extra if your car was under two years old and is stolen, or if repairs would be more than half its market value. Packages can be convenient, but they are not always cheapest. Both Royal schemes would be more expensive to our accountants or company director - though they may have a few extras.

The TSB has a new safe driver scheme aimed at the 25- to 35-year-old with a good driving record, full NCD, driving a family car and prepared to accept a £50 excess.

The scheme offers extras like discounted car hire, protected NCD, DAS Legal Expenses cover for uninsured losses, new-for-old replacement parts for bumpers and the like, and the full replacement value of your car if it was less than a year old and is lost or stolen, or repairs would be more than half its market value. A 12-month guarantee on repairs from recommended garages is also thrown in. Our accountant would pay £151.44 for the TSB package.

Endsleigh Insurance Services reckons its car offer between 15 and 30 per cent cheaper policies to students in higher education, people in professions like the Civil Service, architects, dentists, policemen - who have good records and who are prepared to restrict the insurance to themselves and one other safe person. They guarantee cheaper cover to any student driving a saloon or estate car with at least one year's UK licence, no serious convictions and no more than one claim in the last three years.

Some companies offer intro-

ductory discounts of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent to experienced drivers with good records, but no NCD's of their own because they have been driving on someone else's insurance.

Many companies offer discounts of up to 20 per cent if you are willing to pay the first £25 to £100 of each claim - called the excess. Excesses may be compulsory if for example, you plan to let a younger or inexperienced driver use your car. You may get an extra discount if you agree to a voluntary excess on top.

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knocked off your premium while older cars with comprehensive cover attract discounts of 7.5 to 15 per cent. By restricting the use of the car to yourself or just husband and wife you could save 7.5 to 12.5 per cent, but be careful. Anyone driving your car in an emergency won't be covered.

In a different type of limited use, Sun Alliance recently said it would cut 10 per cent off premiums of policy holders who agreed not to use their cars for business or commuting. It could affect a quarter of their drivers.

Sometimes car manufacturers offer competitive insurance deals on different makes and models. For example, the Ford Sierra package in our table. Similarly, Honda and Yamaha, for example, offer special

packages on their motorcycles. Special deals on 24-hour windscreen replacement without affecting your NCD are becoming a frequent, and extremely useful, feature of comprehensive policies.

Older or mature drivers can get special packages from companies like Royal, Commercial Union, Legal & General and Sun Alliance, among others. They are aimed at people with good driving records, full NCD, who restrict the driving of their family saloon, hatchback or estate car to just husband and wife, and are prepared to accept a £50 excess.

With the Endsleigh package, women get a 10 per cent discount, older cars up to 20 per cent off, first time buyers 45 per cent off, and there is a second car bonus of up to 60 per cent. The NCD goes up to 65 per cent after two years at that level.

Unlike most other companies, students can get comprehensive cover from Endsleigh rather than just third party fire and theft at a cost which is not prohibitive. A female 18-year-old student living in London, driving a 1979 Escort 1100, with nil NCD, insuring herself only, for comprehensive cover and willing to accept a £100 excess would pay a premium of £242 a year.

There is no point in paying more than you have to for car insurance. But remember, the cheapest premium is not much help if the company gives you a hard time when you put in a claim.

Katherine Armstrong

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INVESTMENT

The throng of browsers in the Quilter Goodison share shop on the third floor of Debenhams in Oxford Street found plenty to fix their eyes on. They studied the Reuters tape tapping out the latest City news, they examined the up-to-date share prices displayed on the Topic screen direct from the Stock Exchange, and they pondered the day's selection of shares with their buying and selling prices chalked up on a board like so many dishes of the day.

Concentration was all, because as soon as one of them lifted an eye, an eager young man would return the glance and immediately engage in conversation. "Do you hold any shares?" was the usual opening gambit, which worked well.

One woman volunteered that she was a long time holder of Marks & Spencer. That was all Mathew Orr needed to produce a flow of insights.

M & S has done well in the past, but it looks expensive at the moment. Had she thought about Sears Holdings which owns Dolcis and most of the other shoe shop chains, as well as the freehold of Selfridges? The shares stand at a discount to the rest of the retail sector.

She nodded and moved on, but others had come to the money centre more determined to deal. Hilary Laigher, a management consultant from London, had invested £200 in British Telecom, and that first venture into share ownership made her nearly £300 profit. So she felt moved to invest some of her gains in another stock.

As she was spending some of her winnings at a wine-tasting someone saw her pay with a Bank of Scotland cheque, and said the bank itself would be a good investment. So she marched bravely into Debenhams and spent £500 on its shares. "I would have bought them anyway," she said, "but

All Debenhams shops may have centres

being able to just go into a shop makes it so much easier."

Archibald and Margaret McAllum were in London for the day from the Isle of Wight, and thought they might be able to get some advice about what to do about their holding in Charterhouse. They have also got shares in LASMO and Premier, and Mathew Orr felt they might be overloaded with oil stocks.

Mr and Mrs McAllum read



Stockbroker-in-waiting: 'Selfridges' and 'Marks & Spencer' for sale at Debenhams

the financial press and normally deal through a stockbroker in Bournemouth. But they felt that the opportunity to talk to stockbrokers face to face was worth taking. "We have seen some of our shares go racing up over the years, but by the time we come to sell them they are usually on the way down again," said Mr McAllum.

Mr Orr sees himself as more of an ambassador for the new breed of stockbroker than a salesman. "I'm not in a stiff white collar," he said. In fact, he was not even wearing a suit, but a blazer and slacks, and his hair was a bit on the shaggy side.

Next week, Quilter Goodison begins an advertising campaign to blow away the pin-striped image of stockbrokers on ITV and Channel 4.

This illustrious City firm

headed by Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, has already begun breaking down barriers. It temporarily set up shop in 24 Debenhams stores to sell the British Telecom issue, and if this permanent shop proves to be a success the money centres may be installed in all 68 Debenhams shops.

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Portfolio advice is free if the recommendations are taken, otherwise there is a £15 fee and the *bureau de change* charges 1 per cent with a minimum charge of £2.50.

Surprisingly, the early days of trading have brought forward

more sellers than buyers. The shop has tapped a rich seam of people who have been holding shares for years, perhaps because they were left them in a will, and have never before

Average bargain is running at £2,500

known how to go about selling them.

"We like to see the share certificates before we sell," said a Quilter man. But once a casual shopper has dealt with Quilter, they can apply for a Quiltercard, which enables him to deal over the telephone.

Walk-in shoppers can instruct Quilter to buy if a stock falls to a certain price, so long as it is within 10 per cent.

There is a £1,000 minimum for orders which fall outside the usual buy or sell "at best", and the order lapses after one month although it can be renewed.

The average bargain at the centre is running at about £2,500. But the first order was for £100 of BT shares. "That was lovely, just what we're aiming at," says the broker.

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Senior Fund Manager - Holborn Japanese Trust



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Senior Fund Manager - Holborn North American Trust



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HOLBORN NORTH AMERICAN	£
HOLBORN EUROPEAN	£
TOTAL INVESTMENT	£

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Min. investment £2,000 - max. £50,000. Interest - 13.25 per cent variable at six weeks notice paid monthly without deduction of tax (falling to 12 per cent from October 25 1985). Repayment at 3 months notice. Penalties in first year.

FAMILY MONEY/6

Executives who stop work and start living

RETIREMENT

Peter Smith took early retirement after 30 years with Shell International. But he was so impressed with the company's retirement course that he started his own business to organize retirement planning seminars.

A million people below State retirement age have taken early retirement in occupational pension schemes while more than 500,000 over-50s have been made redundant and have no pension. With those retiring on their 60th or 65th birthdays, there is a huge number of potential clients for counselling services.

Insurance companies such as Legal & General, the Prudential and Commercial Union and brokers such as Godwin, Noble Lowndes and Sedgwick Forbes run retirement courses - often with independent speakers. But Mr Smith is sceptical of the value of financial advice from those with something to sell.

He says: "Good, sound financial counselling comes best from those who operate in the financial markets and know what is going on. The problem is that such people make their living selling a product on which they get a commission."

"Even banks have a vested interest in getting their hands on your money. Nothing wrong with that, perhaps, but because commissions vary from one product to another, particularly

those associated with life insurance, the temptation must be to push the product that yields the highest commission."

The courses run by Mr Smith's company, DPS Consultants, at Leeds Castle, Kent, and Ballathie House, near Perth, cost £375 for a couple and £25 for a single person plus accommodation charges of £430 or £250, all plus VAT. These fees are usually met by employers.

On a 3½-day course at Leeds Castle last week six married couples and two men thought about their forthcoming retirement. They ranged from Vic Amos, a Total Oil executive who is due to retire at the end of the month, to 54-year-old Mike Tomlinson, of Dow Chemicals, who is planning to retire when he is 60.

The course is not confined to money matters. Course leaders try to draw out of people their hopes and fears about retirement, and make them think about their health, life style and interests.

But for many, the insights into social security benefits and financial management hold the biggest surprises. Many senior managers on the courses discover that they know very little about the way social security works - and how it will affect them.

Mr Tomlinson, for instance, discovered that as he had gone to university and done research afterwards he would not have

enough National Insurance contributions to entitle him to a full State pension, even if he worked to State retirement age.

"I've got six years to plan for my retirement," he says. "I want to try to build up my capital so that I can enjoy my retirement and not worry where the next bottle of gin is coming from."

The talks on investment planning at the course were given by Bob Webb, a licensed dealer and member of the National Association of Investment Dealers and Investment Managers, who runs his own financial consultancy.

Mr Webb suggests ways in which people can hang on to their money by investing wisely and minimizing their tax, and how to give money away to reduce capital transfer tax. Although he has an insurance background most of his work now involves the management of unit trust portfolios. "It is what suits most of our clients," he says.

As well as talking at DPS seminars he also counsels those retiring from Shell and British Airways.

He says: "I try to get them thinking along new lines. For instance, I tell them to remove the word 'income' from their vocabulary. It can be a very expensive word and should be replaced with 'spending money'."

Vivien Goldsmith

Certificates that make sense

NATIONAL SAVINGS

The sudden withdrawal of 30th issue National Savings Certificates on Monday should not have surprised Family Money readers. We have been advising purchases of the attractive 30th issue which was paying 8.85 per cent tax-free ever since the announcement of the cut in building society rates.

It was obvious that National Savings investment rates were out of line and would come down.

The 31st issue, due to come on sale on September 26 is, however, still an attractive proposition, though not such a good deal as the 30th. Higher rate taxpayers, particularly those paying at the top 60 per cent rate, would do well to buy

the maximum allowed, £5,000. The return is 7.85 per cent tax-free.

For basic rate taxpayers, the decision is not so clear cut. It is still possible to get as much as 9 to 10 per cent from a building society, basic rate tax paid, and this is a sufficiently large differential to make it worthwhile leaving your money in the building society.

hopes of an interest rate cut (or fears, depending on whether you are a borrower or an investor) have receded for the time being, and basic rate taxpayers can afford to take their time in picking up the new 31st issue, which should be around for some time.

Non-taxpayers will be disappointed to see the cut in the National Savings Bank investment account rates - down from 12.75 to 11.5 per cent,

from September 23. There has been a reduction, too, in National Savings income and deposit bonds - down from 13.25 to 12 per cent from October 25.

Returns on the Yearly Plan, the regular savings scheme which turns into a four-year savings certificate after the initial 12-month savings period are, down, too. The rate has been cut from 9.28 per cent to 8.19 per cent over the five-year term. The return is tax-free.

National Savings investment account, income and deposit bonds are the only avenues for investment for the non-taxpayer. All other financial institutions must deduct basic rate tax from interest payments - and it is not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

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Bank high interest account	8.50	8.50	7.26	6.65	6.05	4.84
Building society ordinary account	7.00	7.00	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.00
Building society extra interest accounts	9.25	9.25	7.92	7.26	6.6	5.94
National Savings Investment account	11.00	7.70	6.60	6.05	5.5	4.40
Bank offshore high interest account (NatWest Isle of Man)	11.00	7.70	6.60	6.05	5.5	4.40
Money Funds (average)	8.34	8.34	5.00	4.567	4.17	3.336
LONGER TERM						
Nat Savings Cert (31st issue)**	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.85
Nat Savings Income & Deposit Bonds	12.00	8.40	7.20	6.60	6.00	4.80
Short-Dated Gilts	11.00	7.70	6.60	6.05	5.50	4.40
Local authority yearling bonds	11.312	7.918	6.787	6.221	5.656	4.524
Local authority town hall bonds	10.97	7.679	6.582	6.033	5.483	4.388

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An investment of £20 each month from launch would have accumulated into £5,411 for a total outlay of £2,100.

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Prices are published daily in The Times, Daily Telegraph and Financial Times.

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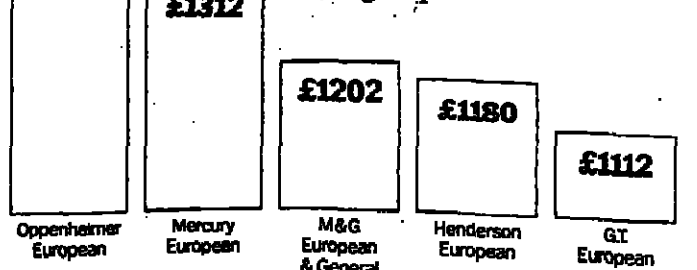
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Fund managers find the fair weather in Europe

While holidaymakers are sunbathing on the Channel in a last desperate search for some sun before the summer is finally over, investment managers are rapidly following in their footsteps.

Europe is the flavour of the month with fund managers, and three new unit trusts specialising in this part of the world are on the way - a GT Germany fund, Mercury European Income and Brown Shipley German.

These newcomers join the ranks of the existing 33 European invested unit trusts, of which no less than 10 have been launched since the beginning of this year. But is this sudden enthusiasm for Europe nothing more than the fact that everywhere else looks distinctly dull at the moment?

GT's European investment manager Philip Gray is enthusiastic about the outlook for his GT Germany fund, due to be launched on Monday.

'I'm finding it difficult to buy chemicals'

"There is certainly scope for a good return of the market, and the fundamentals are sound. In fact, it is actually very hard to find Germany as an investment market," he says.

He points to major structural changes in Germany as being significant in producing future growth. "The new environment has brought about a more positive attitude from both government and the banks, and has caused an upsurge in equity issues. In 1984, the total of new issues was roughly double the total for the period 1970 to 1983."

The new fund will be investing in blue chip German companies like BMW, Siemens and Daimler-Benz, along with smaller firms such as Barz and Goldschmidt. "One

area I keep dodging is what we do about chemicals - they are a major area of the market, and I am finding it difficult to buy them," Mr Gray says.

GT has certainly demonstrated its expertise in European markets with its existing European fund which tops the three-year performance tables - £1,000 invested in GT European is worth £2,816 today.

Taking advantage of domestic tax breaks

"We will have about 75 per cent of the fund in equities, 15 per cent in bonds to provide some of the income, and 10 per cent in convertibles," says Mercury's Richard Bernays.

Using past performance as a guide to potential, the Mercury European Income fund should do well. Mercury's existing European growth fund, the one-year performance tables showing growth of more than 35 per cent for the 12-month period.

"Some of our clients have, however, expressed a need for income, which is why we are launching the European Income fund," says Martin Hoare, of Mercury Fund Managers. "The new fund will be available on September 21."

Unlike the GT fund, which is looking for capital growth, the quest for income will take the Mercury fund predominantly into Belgian, Spanish, Italian and French markets where there are some attractive high-yield stocks.

Brown Shipley, the third of the triumvirate, has no existing European unit trust to serve as a guide to potential performance of its new German fund.

"It's going to be a growth fund and it will be managed on the spot in Hamburg," says Paul Talbot. "First, we like the look of the German economy,

second, we like the German market, and third, we like the look of the currency."

The fund will be invested across the range of German equities - avoiding specialising in blue chip stocks or smaller companies. It will also have a facility to invest in Deutschmark bonds if it seems suitable.

"We will also be prepared to hedge the currency risk, though we don't believe it will be necessary," says Mr Talbot. "I think Germany is one of the most attractive investment areas at the moment."

He is expecting a 15 to 20 per cent return from German stocks over the coming 12 months, and believes that the currency will also work in his favour. This view of the sterling/Deutschmark relationship is also shared by Howard Flight, investment manager of the highly successful top performing Guinness Mahon managed currency fund. Over the past



five years, a £1,000 investment in the fund would have turned into £2,604.

"Basically, there are two big bull points for Europe. If you look at good companies like Siemens, they look pretty cheap against their American, UK and Japanese counterparts," he explains.

He also believes that the

German market may have conquered its traditional problem of liquidity as more foreign investors take advantage of domestic tax breaks to move into Europe. And if European shares start to be traded in big numbers on the London Stock Exchange after the "big bang", this too would provide a fillip.

Lorna Bourke

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Phoenix Int.	1,902	Provident Cap Int.	1,518	Standard Chartered	1,103
Dunn & Hargitt Cur & G P	1,044	Hill Samuel	1,465	Provident Cap Swiss Franc	1,099
		Vanbrugh	1,462	Hambro	1,090
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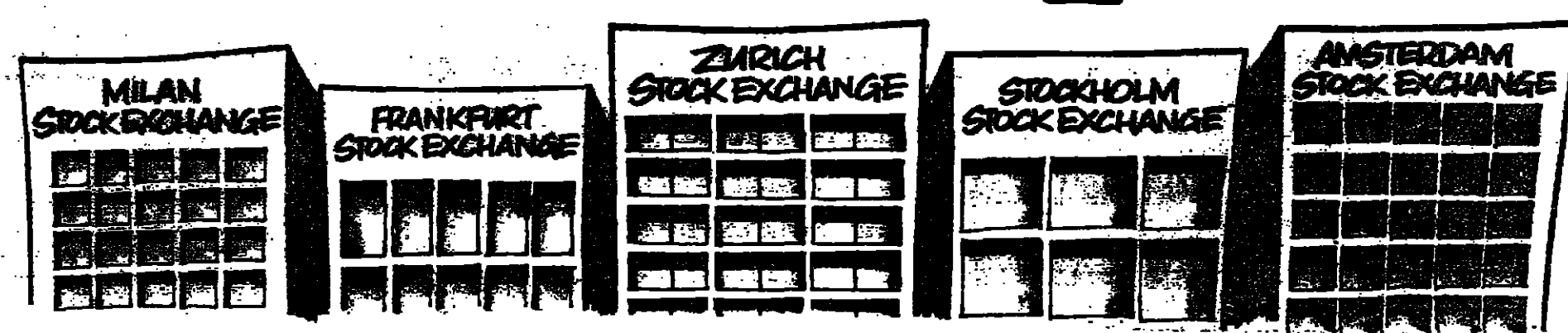
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RACING: WARREN PLACE STAR CAN BECOME ONLY THE FIFTH TO COMPLETE FILLIES' TRIPLE CROWN

Oh So Sharp to join the elite

By Michael Phillips

The prospect of Oh So Sharp becoming only the fifth filly to win the fillies' triple crown, comprising the 1,000 Guineas, the Oaks and St Leger, is sufficient to compensate for the poor turnout for the fifth and last classic of the season, at Doncaster this afternoon.

Maid in 1955 was the last to achieve the peak: Sun Chariot in the wartime years; Soegre and Pretty Polly before that. Obviously the crucial question is will Oh So Sharp be as effective racing over one mile, six furlongs and 127 yards as she has already shown herself to be over shorter distances. I believe that she will because she is, to use Steve Causton's phrase, a freak. Also, if Commanche Run could win the Holsten Pils St Leger 12 months ago why not Oh So Sharp today?

By just beating Oh So Sharp at York and then winning at Phoenix Park last Sunday, Commanche Run has shown himself to be an excellent middle-distance horse. Yet he also had sufficient reserves to see out the Le Grange. As Oh So Sharp has always raced like a stayer she should too, especially as she has class on her side.

Showing no ill effects from a season that began as early as April 18, she has continued to work at home with all her customary zest and I fully expect to see her join the elite and enable both her trainer, Henry Cecil and jockey, Causton, to scale new heights.

Cecil will also saddle last year's William Hill Futurity winner Lanfranco, who will be the last ride in a classic in this country for Lester Piggott. Winning the St Leger has already accounted for eight of the 29 English classics that Piggott has won and there will be a great number willing him to round off his career in style this afternoon.

Those prayers should also be addressed to the weatherman because I am convinced that Lanfranco is a better horse when there is some cut in the ground, at his best. Lanfranco would be the main threat to Oh So Sharp, whose owner Sheikh Mohammed also looks to have a good chance of seeing his now familiar maroon and white racing silks carried to victory in three of the other races on the sporting-card by Lord Grundy (1.30), Eastern Chief (2.00) and Parkin Warbeck (4.15).

Eastern Chief is named to win the Holsten Pils St Leger. Before the meeting began his trainer Barry Hills said that he thought that he would win similar race on Wednesday with Hills Bid and this with Eastern Chief, the first half of his prediction came true easily enough, now I expect the other to fall into place because Eastern Chief had no luck at all in running in his last race at Newmarket where he eventually finished seventh behind Luna Bid. Before that, he had scorched home by six lengths at Brighton.

Perkin Warbeck, my selection for the Holsten Pils final on the strength of that victory at Redcar where he defeated two subsequent winners. Regal Diplomat and Killary Bay, could be the second of two winners for his Newmarket trainer Luca Cumani who must be fancying his chances of winning the Battle of Britain Handicap as well, with that progressive three-year-old, Paces.

Besides the St Leger, Causton has a good chance of also winning the Brian Swift Flying Childrens Stakes on Maroubie, and the Sceptre Stakes on the recent Hungerford Stakes winner Ever General.

At Goodwood Paul Eddery is expected to win both of the races for two-year-olds on Mashkour (3.00) and Faraway Dancer (4.40).



Oh So Sharp: stamina on trial at Doncaster

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3.10 HOLSTEN PILS ST Leger STAKES (Group 1, 3-y-o: £101,952; 1m 6f 127y) (5 runners)

401	31012 KHODZAR (ch c Nishapur-Les Malady) (B) (Sheikh Mohammed)	W Ham 9-0	W Carson 1
402	1-01013 LANFRANCO (ch c Nallo-Camel) (C) (B) (C St George)	H Cecil 9-0	L Piggott 2
403	1-3303 NEWMAN (p c Alped-Cy) (P) (Wicks)	D V O'Brien (B) 9-0	A Laqueur 6
404	110-200 PHARANTE (c c Phary-Phary) (S) (Karna)	H Wood 9-0	G Starkey 4
405	033-000 TROY FARR (p c Troy-Happy King) (B) (M Scott)	W Ham 9-0	P Cook 5
407	1-11122 OH SO SHARP (ch c Oh So Fair) (B) (Sheikh Mohammed)	H Cecil 9-0	S Causton 3

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Piggott to surprise Fitnah in Vermeille

From Desmond Stoneham

Fitnah is sure to be the hot favourite for the 12 furlong Truisthouse Forfe Pils Vermeille at Longchamp tomorrow, but the filly has never won over more than ten furlongs and on breeding it is already surprising that she has stayed so far. However, the daughter of Kris and Greenland Park has a relaxed way of racing so should be involved in the finish of the Vermeille.

It will be up to some of her rivals to set a really fast pace and my selection for the group 1 event will be Lester Piggott's mount, Galla Placidia, who is sure to stay and has an excellent turn of foot. She would prefer a little more tomorrow's race and another filly who should be in the frame is Sally Brown, who will be ridden by Walter Swinburn.

Galla Placidia has recently won the Prix de Meneval and the 13 furlong Prix de Fontenay which were both run at Deauville. Her only other performance this season came when she was a close last of five to Kozana in the Prix de Malleret but the race was spoilt to a certain extent by a complete lack of pace.

Fitnah has met with defeat only once this season when she went under by a short head to Galla Placidia, a stablemate, Lyphartha in the Prix de Diane Hermès (Group 2) at Longchamp. Lyphartha could also be in the line up but she was well behind when Fitnah took the Prix de la Nonette from the same place, Private View and Dance Machine.

Sally Brown won the Yorkshire Oaks and she should hold Alydar's Best, who was fourth in the same event. While Causton teams up with Dance Machine, who ran well in the Nonette before being outpaced in the final stages.

Candillac and Piggott seem to have a role to play in the Prix de Fontenay, which they took from Pink and Romildo, while Juba Dollar may win the Prix la Rochette from River Express and Persian Mews.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements held: Masters Voice, Reprieve, Amber Heights, Zany.

Doncaster results

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Sure Blade sets classic standard

By Michael Seely

Brilliantly ridden by Brent Thomson, Sure Blade put himself on target for the Dewhurst Stakes and next spring's 2,000 Guineas with a clever defeat of Faustus and Truly Nureyev in the Laurence Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster yesterday. "He did it all himself," said the 27-year-old Australian jockey. "When he heard the others coming, he just picked up his bridle and went. He's what I call a smart horse."

It was indeed an authoritative mature performance by Sheikh Mohammed's two-year-old by Kris. In a slowly run race Thomson waited in front before asking Sure Blade to lengthen his stride a quarter of a mile from home. Sure Blade was then asked to switch from his easygoing style to a more powerful attack in the last furlong, but the favourite won by half a length without being asked a serious question. A length separated the second and third.

Barry Hills has shown impeccable

Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes
Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- 7.10 Open University. Until 8.25.
8.30 The Saturday Picture Show. Cartoons, pop music, competitions and guests who include snooker player Dennis Taylor and the Young Musician of the Year, Emma Johnson.
- 10.00 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: 10.05, 1.30, 2.10, 2.40, 3.10 and 3.55 International Golf: morning fourballs and the afternoon's fourballs in the Bell's Scottish Ryder Cup from The Belfry; 1.00 News summary and weather; 1.10 Football Focus with Bob Wilson; 1.55, 2.25 and 2.55 Racing from Goodwood; 3.50 Half time scores and reports; 4.40 Final score.
- 5.05 News with Jan Leeming. Weather 5.15 Sport/Regional news.
- 5.20 The Tripods. Part two of the 12-episode science fiction thriller. Six of the young Free Men have been chosen to take part in the Tripods' Annual Games. Now they prepare to make the hazardous journey to the stadium in Germany (Ceefax).
- 5.45 Terry and June. The office woman uses her feminine wiles to convince Sir Dennis that she would make the perfect private secretary. When Sir Dennis removes his devoted Miss Fennell, Terry and June decide that action must be taken to have her reinstated.
- 6.15 The Noel Edmonds Late Late Breakfast Show includes the first half of the Lawn Mower Grand Prix.
- 7.00 Bob's Full House. Fast moving comedy quiz show.
- 7.35 Juliet Bravo. Inspector Kate Longton becomes involved in a bitter dispute between two brothers-in-law, one a miner who was on strike during the whole of the dispute, the other who opted to work throughout the strike. (Ceefax).
- 8.25 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. From Silverstone, Paul Daniels attempts to defy the driving skills of the former world champion, Jackie Stewart. In a daring escape bid, in the studio, a display of the amazing act of mathematical wizard, Arthur Benjamin, and the comedian, conjurer, Thord Melrose.
- 9.10 The Last Night of the Proms. The second half, continued from BBC2. Richard Baker introduces the BBC Symphony Orchestra with the BBC Singers and the BBC Symphony Chorus, who perform Sousa's The Stars and Stripes Forever; Five Dances from Bliss's ballet, Checkmate; Arne's Rule Britannia; Elgar's Pomp and Circumstances March No. 1, in D major; and Parry's Jerusalem.
- 10.15 News and Sport with Jan Leeming. Weather.
- 10.30 Film: Split Image (1982) starring Michael O'Keefe, Karen Allen and Peter Fonda. Drama about a young student whose parents believe that his mind has been taken over by a sinister cult. They hire a 'de-programmer' to try and save the young man. Directed by Ted Koscovitz.
- 2.20 Weather.

TV-am

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving. News and weather at 6.55, 7.15 and 8.00; sport at 7.00; regional report at 7.25.
- 7.30 The Wide Awake Club.
- 9.25 TV Magazine programme for children with a content that includes cartoons, pop music, guests and a fun general knowledge competition between schools.
- 11.15 The Baron. Part two of the adventure in which The Baron has been kidnapped by an audacious gang planning to steal the Crown Jewels (r).
- 12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dickie Davies. The line-up is: 12.20 Wrestling. Two bouts from High Wycombe; 12.45 News; 12.50 On the Ball with Ian McEwan and Jimmy Greaves; 1.20 and 2.55 Racing from Doncaster; the 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.10 races; 1.40 Power Boat racing from Torbay; 2.10 Motorcycling: Supercross from Sweden; 2.40, 3.20 and 4.00.
- International Athletics: The HFC England versus Romania women's international from Crystal Palace; 3.45 Half-time scores and reports; 4.45 Results.
- 5.00 News with Trevor McDonald.
- 5.05 Blockbuster. A young child describes words. Roy Hudd and Nicola Pagett have to try and guess what they are.
- 7.00 Russ Abbott's Madhouse. Comedy sketches and impersonations from the comedian assisted by Les Dennis and Dustin Gage (Ceefax).
- 7.30 3-2-1. Couples from Barnet, Cleveland and The Wirral in a quiz with the theme of song and dance. Presented by Ted Rogers. The guests include Grace Kennedy, Duncan Greig and Roger de Courcy (Ceefax).
- 8.30 Dempsey and Makepeace. Dempsey is standing next to a man who is shot dead from long range for an apparent reason. But an anonymous caller at St 10 headquarters reveals that she is out to get Dempsey and that the man's death earlier in the morning was a warning. Starring Michael Brandon, Glynn Barber and, as the mysterious caller, Suzi Quatro.
- 9.30 News and sport.
- 9.45 LWT News headlines followed by Film: Making of a Male (1984) starring John Collins and John Huxham. A made-for-television story of how a New York model agency boss transforms a rough ranch hand to top male model. Directed by Irving J. Moore.
- 11.35 The Capital Music Festival 1985 introduced by Nicky Horne from St Katherine's Dock, London. Among the guests are Hank Wangford, the Flying Pickets and the Koscovitzburger.
- 1.00 Night Thoughts.



Vernon Handley: Last Night of the Proms (see BBC TV listings, and Radio 3). And Paul Daniels: BBC 1, at 8.25pm

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University: Instrumentation: Trains 6.50 Reporting the Findings 7.15 Attitudes: The Second Handicap 7.40 Quantum Theory: Electrons and Protons 8.05 Ecology: Whittaker's Mers 8.30 Arts: Last and Nature 8.55 Photosynthesis: Early Events 9.30 Animal Physiology: Navigators 9.45 Statistics in Society 10.10 Calculus: Differentiating Fields 10.35 Education: A Second Chance 11.00 Shooting the Moon 11.25 Of: Finds for the Future 11.50 Orpheus Britannicus 12.40 The Autistic Child 1.08 Loudspeaker 1.30 Chemistry: Too Much of a Good Thing 1.55 Palladium: Three Villages 2.20 Modern Art: Abstract Expressionism 2.45 Kafka and his World.
- 3.10 Film: Getting Married (1978) starring Richard Thomas and Bess Armstrong. A made-for-television romantic comedy about a shy young man who is shattered to learn that the girl of his dreams is to be married the following week. He then begins a belated campaign to make her change her mind. With Van Johnson. Directed by Stephen Streatfeild.
- 4.45 International Golf. The four rounds of the Bell's Scottish Ryder Cup from The Belfry.
- 6.25 The Sky at Night (r).
- 6.45 News and Sport. Weather.
- 7.00 Shades of Autumn. A Gardeners' World Special from Sheffield Park, Sussex, presented by Roy Lancaster and the Sunday Times gardening correspondent, Graham (Boomer) Rose (r).
- 7.30 The Last Night of the Proms. The BBC Symphony Orchestra with the BBC Singers and the BBC Symphony Chorus perform Elgar's A Musical Offering; Gershwin's Piano Concerto (soloist Shura Cherkassky); and Walton's Gloria.
- 8.40 Jack High. The second semi-final of the Gannery Masters Furler Tournament.
- 9.10 Film: Lolita (1962) starring Peter Sellers, Sue Lyon, Peter Sellers and Shelley Winters. The once-notorious film based on the Vladimir Nabokov story about a middle-aged man's infatuation with a young girl. Directed by Stanley Kubrick.
- 11.40 International Golf. Highlights of the day's play at The Belfry. Ends at 12.25.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.00 I Could Do That. Starting your own business (r).
- 1.30 Making the Most Of... Inexpensive leisure time pursuits. (r).
- 1.55 Film: Meta Hart (1932) starring Greta Garbo, Ramon Navarro and Lionel Barrymore. Drama, loosely based on the life of the celebrated First World War spy. Directed by George Fitzmaurice.
- 3.35 Film: The Painted Veil (1934) starring Greta Garbo, Herbert Marshall and George Brent. A young woman marries an older man and accompanies him to China where she becomes bored with her husband's devotion to his work and starts an affair with another man.
- 5.05 Brookside. (Oracle).
- 6.00 Family Ties. American domestic comedy series.
- 6.30 The Comies and Other Folk. The first of a new series featuring the popular Scottish folk duo.
- 7.00 News summary and weather followed by Rejoice. The final programme of Candy Devine's series exploring aspects of faith through an unusual mixture of music. Today's theme is celebration.
- 7.30 Union World. Mike Walsh reports from Blackpool on the visit to last week's TUC Conference by one of the Dublin women who have been on strike for more than a year after one of their number was sacked from a supermarket for refusing to handle South African grapefruit.
- 8.00 Beasts of the Heart. The first of 14 programmes on the spot music that mirrors the changes and aspirations of different societies.
- 9.00 Upstairs, Downstairs. James Bellamy writes a letter to The Times urging the government to help those thousands of men who have returned home from the Great War to unemployment. (r) (Oracle).
- 10.00 Hill Street Blues. The natural death of an old policeman and a feud between two of his men Brackley and the Grubbs.
- 11.00 Coming Next... A new comedy series.
- 11.35 Film: Semi-Tough (1977) starring Bob Reynolds, Jill Clayburgh and Kris Kristofferson. Comedy, set in the American frontier, about a platoon manager-a-trois that goes wrong. Directed by Michael Ritchie. Ends at 1.30.

BBC 1

- 8.45 Open University. Until 8.50.
- 8.55 Play School, presented by Carol Leader and Fred Harris.
- 9.15 Knocked Knocked. Susan Leong and Christopher Lillicrap with stories for children about people who dream of helping others.
- 9.30 This is the Day. A service of worship from a viewer's home in the St Paul's district of Bristol 10.00 Asian Magazine. A celebration of Asian servicemen's heroism on the battlefields of Europe and the Far East.
- 10.30 16 Up Showcase. To mark International Youth Year, a two part festival of films and videos made by young people.
- 12.35 Farmwatch. An investigation into the future of the Egg Marketing Board 12.58 Weather.
- 1.00 The Week Next Week. The first of a new series presented by David Dimbleby. The news summary is followed by an assessment of the SDP conference and a look forward to the coming Liberal Party Assembly. With David Steel, David Owen and the findings of a specially commissioned survey among Alliance supporters.
- 2.00 The Human Factor. A new series begins with the story of Uliana Karen who, before she had a sex-change operation, saw action in the Vietnam War and was one of Eastern Airlines top pilots.
- 2.30 LWT News headlines followed by Survival: Sawbill. The story of a champion breed of fish-catching duck.
- 3.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game.
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- 4.25 Fittingly Fly-Past. A Battle of Britain commemoration.
- 5.10 Antiques Roadshow presented by Hugh Scully. Arthur Negus and his team of experts are in St Austell (r).
- 5.50 Watchdog. Nick Rassa investigates more accusations of double dealing and bureaucratic malpractice.
- 6.20 Write Now! Part five of the series on better letter-writing deals with writing letters of complaint.
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- 6.40 Songs of Praise from Eastbourne seafarers. (Ceefax).
- 7.15 Open All Hours. Arkwright, still intent on making news, decides to try and make her jealous by telling her he is leaving for a live-in housekeeper. But both he and Granville are disappointed by the response (Ceefax).
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TV-am

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain begins with a Thought for a Sunday; 7.00 Rub-e-Dub-Tub (r); 8.00 Are You Awake Yet?; 8.28 News; 8.30 The Sunday Programme. Jonathan Dimbleby's review of the week.
- 9.25 Wake-up London. The Vicious Boys pay a visit to a city farm. 9.35 Woody and Friends. Cartoons. 8.45 Yacky Doodle Duck. Cartoons.
- 10.00 Morning Worship from the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Aldershot. 11.00 Link. Lydia Cooke talks to the directors of Kaleidoscope, a theatre company providing professional opportunities for mentally handicapped children.
- 11.30 Out of School. A preview of a new Schools drama series beginning in January.
- 12.00 Weekend World. With the next general election in mind Brian Wadden assesses the national mood, using especially commissioned surveys. 1.00 Police 5. 1.15 The Smurfs. 1.30 Happy Days.
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Cheryl Campbell, Brenda Blethyn: Uncle Vanya (Radio 3, 7.15pm). And Kenneth Cranham, Helena Little: on BBC 2 at 8.35pm

BBC 2

- 6.50 Open University Education for Adults: Linear 7.15 Images: Holography at Work 7.40 Modern Art: Duchamp 8.30 Music: Instrumentation 8.50 Design for Science Teaching 8.55 Maths Methods: Halley's Comet 9.20 Social Science: Theories 9.45 Geometry: Klein 10.10 Pure Maths: Convergence 10.35 Geochemical Mapping 11.00 Systems: The Thames Barrier 11.25 Maths across the Curriculum 11.50 Biology: Pollution 12.15 Ethnic Minorities 12.40 Language and Drama 1.05 The Production Line 1.30 Gas and Steam Turbines.
- 1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. Golf, Cricket and Motor Racing are on offer this afternoon with coverage of the singles matches on the final day of the Bell's Scottish Ryder Cup from The Belfry. The presentations at the end of the competition will be at approximately 5.30: a John Player Special League cricket match; and the Belgian Grand Prix, postponed from June, when the track at Spa had to undergo repairs.
- 6.50 News Review with Jan Leeming. A digest of the week's news with subtitles.
- 7.15 The Natural World. The first of a new series starts the elusive tiger. This film, made over a period of two-and-a-half years, records the secret life of the great cat as it roams India's jungles.
- 8.05 Jack High. The final of the Gateway Masters Bowls Tournament from Beach House Park, Worthing.
- 8.35 Theatre Night: Lady Windemere's Fan, by Oscar Wilde. Helena Little, Tim Woodward, Stephanie Turner, Kenneth Cranham, Sara Kesteven and Robert Lang star in this comedy of manners. The story opens on Lady Windemere's 21st birthday as she learns of her husband's possible infidelity with Mrs Elynor. An admirer, Lord Darlington, begs Lady Windemere to leave her husband but she is confused, jealous and, unbeknown to her, misled, as, in fact, Mrs Elynor is her mother, although she is unaware of the fact.
- 10.35 Belgian Grand Prix. Highlights of this afternoon's race.
- 11.10 International Golf. The final day's highlights of the Bell's Scottish Ryder Cup.
- 11.50 Music at Night. Robert Cohen (cello) plays Sarabande from Bach's Suite in C. Ends at 12.00.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.00 Atlantean. The third and final programme in the series in which Bob Quinn examines the Celtic cultural links between areas of Atlantic Europe and North Africa.
- 1.50 Film: Dark Journey (1937) starring Vivien Leigh and Conrad Veidt. First World War drama in which Veidt plays a German spy who falls for a double agent. Directed by Victor Saville.
- 3.20 Film: Above Suspicion (1948) starring Joan Crawford and Fred MacMurray. Spy thriller about a honeymoon couple whose romantic holiday is a cover for a more serious mission. Directed by Richard Thorpe.
- 5.05 Shades of Green. John Weaving talks about his solitary life on a barge plying the River Shannon.
- 5.15 News summary and weather followed by Multinationals. The second programme in the four-episode series on the role of multinationals in the world. Today's programme considers the relationship of multinationals to governments taking the contrasting policies of Canada and India as examples.
- 6.00 American Football. A new series of gridiron action begins with the game between the Washington Redskins and the Dallas Cowboys. Presented by Nicky Horne in London and John Smith in Dallas.
- 7.15 The Heart of the Dragon. Part one of a repeat showing of the acclaimed documentary series on China. Remembering is the opening title and the programme examines what it is, or are, that unifies a country comprising a quarter of the world's population.
- 8.15 Cyrano de Bergerac. The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Rostand's 17th century Parisian love story starring Derek Jacobi in the title role, that of a master swordsman, poet and leader of the Gascony Cadets, who is afraid of nothing but ashamed of his over-long proboscis. He is in love with his cousin Roxane who in turn is in love with the simple but handsome Christian. The two men make a pact and Christian woos Roxane with words produced by a sad Cyrano. With Sinead Cusack as Roxane and Tom Mott as Christian.
- 11.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Diamond Necklace. A jeweller's faithful employee is about to retire and plots a robbery. Starring Claudia Rains.
- 12.10 Close.

REQUIREMENTS: Radio 1: 105.3kHz/285m; 108.9kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF 90-92.5; Radio 4: 100.0kHz/150m; VHF 92-95; LBC 1152kHz/251m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/208m; VHF 94.9; World service MF 846kHz/458m.

Radio 4

- In long wave, also VHF stereo
- 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Previews. 6.15 News. Farming Today. 6.50 Payer For the Day. 6.55
- 7.00 News. 7.10 The Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. (Rosemary Harthill. 7.50 Down to Earth. 7.55 Weather. Travel.
- 8.00 I was. 8.10 The Papers. 8.15 Sport On 4 with Tony Lewis. 8.45 Breakfast. With Bernard Falk. 8.57 Weather. Travel. 9.00
- 9.50 News. Sunday. Anne Robinson reviews the weekly magazines. Conference Special - the Social Democrats. John Critchley looks back on Torquay.
- 13.00 Pick of the Week. TV and radio extracts presented by Anne Nighingale.
- 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent. BBC correspondents talk about the countries they work in.
- 1.50 A Sunday Special. The writer, Janice McMillan explores rural Britain.
- 2.27 Quota. A night. Nigel Rea. Rea's part game. With Alan Brian, Denis Gifford, Sir Hugh Wheldon, and Sue Townsend. News.
- 1.10 Any Questions? Tom King, Sir Fifer Parker, Jonathan Forster and Sara Morrison join John Tinson in Chelmsford. Essex. 1.55 Shipping.
- 1.00 News: The Afternoon Play: 'Child's Play' by Rony Rosen. With David Ross and Carole Nimmons. Black comedy (r).
- 1.00 News: Humour in Music. Leonard Slatkin talks to the American composer Peter Schickel.
- 1.30 The Countryside in Autumn. Mollie Harris presents the seasonal magazine.
- 1.5 The Right to Ring. Valda Hood on automation's threat to the textile industry in Britain.
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- 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
- 7.05 Auden: Wagner's overture Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg. List's transcription of excerpts from A Midsummer Night's Dream; Dvorak's Mazurka in E minor Op 49; Sato's Eroica in E minor. A Sunday Special. The writer, Janice McMillan explores rural Britain.
- 2.27 Quota. A night. Nigel Rea. Rea's part game. With Alan Brian, Denis Gifford, Sir Hugh Wheldon, and Sue Townsend. News.
- 1.10 Any Questions? Tom King, Sir Fifer Parker, Jonathan Forster and Sara Morrison join John Tinson in Chelmsford. Essex. 1.55 Shipping.
- 1.00 News: The Afternoon Play: 'Child's Play' by Rony Rosen. With David Ross and Carole Nimmons. Black comedy (r).
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- News on the hour until 1.00pm, then 3.00, and from 6.00 (except 8.00pm and 9.00pm).
- 6.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton.
- 6.45 Animal Language. Experts explain the calls of gibbons.
- 11.00 Science Now. Peter Evans on the work of the British Antarctic Survey.
- 11.30 In One Ear. Comedy with Nick Wilton, Helen Lederer, Steve Brown, and Johnnie Walker.
- 12.00 News. Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Travel; 6.00-6.15am News; 6.15-6.30am Options; 6.30-6.45am Travel; 6.45-6.55am News; 6.55-7.00am News; 7.00-7.15am News; 7.15-7.30am News; 7.30-7.45am News; 7.45-7.55am News; 7.55-8.00am News; 8.00-8.15am News; 8.15-8.30am News; 8.30-8.45am News; 8.45-8.55am News; 8.55-9.00am News; 9.00-9.15am News; 9.15-9.30am News; 9.30-9.45am News; 9.45-10.00am News; 10.00-10.15am News; 10.15-10.30am News; 10.30-10.45am News; 10.45-11.00am News; 11.00-11.15am News; 11.15-11.30am News; 11.30-11.45am News; 11.45-12.00am News; 12.00-12.15am News; 12.15-12.30am News; 12.30-12.45am News; 12.45-1.00am News; 1.00-1.15am News; 1.15-1.30am News; 1.30-1.45am News; 1.45-1.55am News; 1.55-2.00am News; 2.00-2.15am News; 2.15-2.30am News; 2.30-2.45am News; 2.45-2.55am News; 2.55-3.00am News; 3.00-3.15am News; 3.15-3.30am News; 3.30-3.45am News; 3.45-3.55am News; 3.55-4.00am News; 4.00-4.15am News; 4.15-4.30am News; 4.30-4.45am News; 4.45-4.55am News; 4.55-5.00am News; 5.00-5.15am News; 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